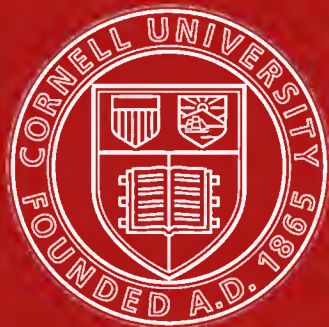






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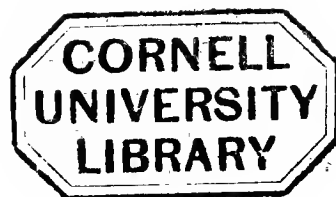
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## PREFACE.

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This work does not pretend to be a complete history of Queens County, but rather a contribution thereto. It contains scarcely anything that has hitherto appeared in any of our local histories.

Since the appearance of Mr. THOMPSON'S history, the indefatigable and sagacious Dr. O'CALLAGHAN has gathered up from the damp and dusty garrets of the public offices in Albany a most valuable mass of old and long neglected historical documents. Having rescued these from mice and mildew, he has, by the bounty of the State arranged them in chronological order in bound volumes, with indexes to each. The interests of the State require that these and other old documents should no longer be scattered through different offices, but be placed in some convenient room under the eye of an obliging and intelligent custodian.

Besides his History of New Netherland, Dr. O'CALLAGHAN has edited the Documentary and Colonial History of New York, the Minutes of the Governor and Council, an Index of Marriages, and of Land Papers, the New Netherland Register, etc. Long may the State encourage him in these useful labors.

After spending some weeks in examining the Archives of the State, I had recourse to the numerous bundles of old papers and to the records in our Town and County Clerks' Offices, to the Supervisors' minutes, and the books and papers of the Surrogate and County Treasurer.

In the basement of the City Hall, New York, is a rich *placard* well worth working. It consists of court minutes, rough drafts, briefs and various other papers of lawyers practising in the Supreme Court, which were left in custody of the clerk. They illustrate the history not of Queens County only, but of all the other counties in the State, especially the proceedings against the tories of the Revolution.

Much of the present volume has never before been in print. I have made liberal extracts from old and scarce newspapers, my design being to present the reader a picture of "olden times," and let Antiquity step on the stage and speak for itself while I stand behind the scenes and move the panorama of nearly two centuries, thereby exhibiting our ancestors as they thought, spoke and acted.

The earlier records of Flushing, the first volume of the Hempstead records, and the first volume of the Supervisors' minutes (with probably many other records) are lost; but there must yet remain in private hands some records of our Agricultural, Educational, Literary, Medical and Religious, Associations, now extinct. These with all similar historical documents and local newspapers, should be sent to the rooms of the Long Island Historical Society, of which HENRY R. STILES, M. D., is Librarian, for safe preservation and easy reference.

Although the history of Queens County remains to be written, the following, among other publications, show that the towns have not been altogether neglected.

Denton's Brief Description, Riker's Newtown, Mandeville's Flushing, Macdonald's Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, the Townsend Memorial, Woodbridge's Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, Carmichael's History of St. George's Church, Garretson's History of the Dutch Churches, Prince's Agricultural History, the Journals of travelling preachers such as Bownas, Chalkey, Hicks and others. The Gazetteers of Spofford and French are worth consulting; the latter especially, as it contains most valuable statistics of our county. Our historians have hitherto paid little attention to the industrial pursuits of our county, such as farming, gardening, manufactures and fishing, nor to our various and peculiar sports and amusements, modes of life, usages, customs, manners, progress of religion, morals, education, etc.

One sad chapter in any future history of Queens County must be consecrated to the memory of her sons who have sacrificed their lives in maintaining the integrity of the Union.

The public will be pleased to hear that ALDEN J. SPOONER has issued proposals for another History of our Island.

Many thanks are due Mr. Charles Welling and his assistant, Mr. Joseph Manwaring, for their patience and care in passing these sheets through the press. A few *errata* are noted at the end of the volume.

Every name in this book appears in the index, where all the variations of spelling are reduced to one. Some names occur so frequently that it was not easy to note *every* page.

The second series of this work will contain Suffolk and Kings Counties in "olden times," with the bibliography of Long Island, and annals of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Queens County.

JAMAICA, L. I., APRIL, 1865.

## QUEENS COUNTY IN OLDEN TIMES.

1639, *Jan. 15*.—The Rockaway Indians sold to the Dutch West India Co. a tract of land embracing Hempstead, reserving to themselves the right of fishing, planting maize and hunting.

1640, *May 10*.—Some emigrants from Bynn went over to the head of Cow Bay and pulled down the Dutch arms that were nailed to a tree, and carved a fool's face in their stead; but the Sachem Penawitz who had sold the land to the Dutch, gave information of the trespass, whereupon a force of 25 soldiers was dispatched by water from N. Y. who carried off the trespassers and thus broke up the settlement.—*Colonial History*, 2: 145.

1643, *Oct. 24*.—Long Island is destitute of inhabitants and stock, except a few insignificant places over against the Main, which are about to be abandoned. The English have not escaped. They too, except one place, are all murdered and burnt by the Indians.—*Col. His.*, 1: 190.

1643, *Mar. 4*.—The season of hunting, fishing and planting being now at hand, the Indians were anxious for peace. The great Sachem of the Canarsee tribe, Penawitz sent to enquire of the Dutch why they had murdered his people who had never injured them. Jacob Olferz and Jacob Peterze De Vries went to Rockaway and arrived at the wigwam of the one-eyed chief who entertained them with oysters and fish. His residence was some miles from the shore surrounded by 200 or 300 warriors, the owners of 30 houses. A peace was made.—*De Vries*, p. 172.

1644, *April*.—Seven savages were arrested at Hempstead (where an English clergyman, Mr. Fordham, was governor) on a charge of killing two or three pigs, though it was afterwards discovered that some Englishmen had done it. Fordham sent word to Gov. Kieft at New York, of the arrest and that he had the Indians confined in a cellar. Kieft sent Underhill and Opdyk, with 15 or 16 soldiers who killed 3 of the 7 Indians in the cellar. They took the other 4 with them in a sailing boat, 2 of whom were towed along by a string around their necks till they were drowned, while the 2 survivors were detained prisoners at the Fort till they were delivered to the soldiers who soon dispatched them with knives. The savages desired to dance the *Kinte-Kaeye*, a religious observance among them before death.—*Doc. His.*, 4: 105.

(Another version of apparently the same affair, the preceding being written by an opponent of the governor.)

"We were advised that Penawitz was secretly waging war against us with his tribe who killed some of our people and set their houses on fire. It was resolved to send thither a troop of 120 men—the Burghers under their company, the English under Capt. John Underhill, the old soldiers under Peter Cock—all commanded by Mr. LaMontagné, to proceed from N. Y. in 3 yachts, land in Schout's bay and march toward Hempstead, where there is an English colony dependent on us. Some who had been sent forward in advance dexterously killed an Indian who was out as a spy. Our force formed themselves in 2 divisions, Underhill with 14 English toward the smaller, and 80 men toward the larger village named Matsepe.\* Both were successful, killing about 120 Indians. One of ours remained on the field and 3 were wounded."—*Col. His.*, 1: 186.

1645, *May 24*.—The Sachem of Mockgonnekonck with 47 armed savages appeared at the Fort in N. Y. to offer their services to the government. Whereupon it was resolved that the Sachem should embark in one of the Company's yachts properly victualled and sail to a spot where he may land his spies to learn where the enemy is to be found. After which he must destroy them and return from Long Island to the Fort for his recompence.

1645, *June 10*.—Wm. Gerritse sings libelous songs against the Rev. Francis Doughty, for which he is sentenced to be tied to the May-pole.—*Albany Records*.

1647, *Aug. 23*.—Delegates from Hempstead appeared at N. Y. who say that the savages around them are being lured by Indians from the Main to make an attack on the people of Hempstead and destroy their village. The Secretary is ordered to go there in a yacht, and ascertain from the Indians if the report be true and take with him a piece of cloth and some trifles for the chief and offer a renewal of friendship.

1651, *Sep. 14*.—The Indians on the Main procuring fire-arms from the whites came over to L. I.

\*The great river called *Massepe* between Jamaica and Hempstead.—*Jam. Record*, 1: 4.

slaughtered and drove off the cattle of the Hempstead people. The damages are more than 1,000 guilders.—*Col. His.*, 2 : 157.

1651, *Sep. 25*.—Hempstead produces from the proceeds of their servants' labor, corn, beef, pork, butter, tobacco and staves, which they exchange for liquors and merchandise.—*Col. His.*, 2 : 158.

1653.—Sam'l. Mayo's vessel (of Barnstable) employed in conveying the goods of the Rev. Mr. Leverich from Sandwich to Oysterbay, was seized at Hempstead Harbor, by Baxter, under the authorities of Rhode Island. [Mayo died at Oysterbay.]

1655, *April 2*.—Wm. Leverich and other English settlers at Oysterbay, are warned off the Dutch territories.—*Col. His.*, 2 : 160.

1655, *May 18*.—Daily strange reports about the Indians are received at Gravesend, from Hempstead, Newtown, and elsewhere on L. I., that they intend to rout out the Dutch. and that the house and plantation of Wm. Hallet, west of Hellgate, has been laid waste. Hence it behoves the English to separate from the Dutch. Stuyvesant advises the Dutch and English of Gravesend to remain together and keep good watch. He will spare them some soldiers if they need them.

1655, *May 28*.—The planters at Oysterbay, through Mr. Leverich, desire to be annexed to New Haven Colony.—*Hoadly*, 2 : 144.

1655, *Nov. 27*.—Tackapousha, in the name of the L. I. Indians, appears at the Fort (N. Y.) and proffers to the Dutch a continuance of his fidelity, and says not one of the L. I. Indians was concerned in the late massacre at New Amsterdam.

1656, *Jan. 8*.—John Smith, who had, by his own confession, stolen pigs at Newtown, is conducted to the place where justice is administered, and beaten severely with rods, then marked, and banished forever, as an example to others.

1656, *Jan. 15*.—Domines Drisius and Megapolensis, write to Holland for a minister to supply the place of More, who has left Newtown.

1656, *Mar. 12*.—In the articles of peace with the Indians, it is agreed that all shall be forgotten since 1645.—*Hempstead Records*, p. 22.

1656.—Wm. Wickendam,\* a cobbler, from Rhode Island, came to Flushing and began to preach, and went with the people into the river and dipped them. For this he was fined £100 and ordered to be banished. As he was poor and had a family the fine was remitted. Hallet, the Sheriff, had dared to collect conventicles in his house, and had permitted Wickendam to preach and administer the sacraments, though not called thereto by any ecclesiastical authority. For this he was removed from office and fined £50.

\*He died Feb. 3d, 1670, and left three daughters.

1657.—“At Flushing they have heretofore had a Presbyterian preacher who conformed to the Dutch Church, but many of the people became endowed with divers opinions and absented themselves from preaching, nor would pay the preacher his promised stipend, so that he was obliged to leave, and went to Virginia. Now they have been some years without a minister. Last year one Wickendam, a fomentor of error, came there and stated that he was commissioned by Christ. He began to preach and then went with the people into the river and dipped them. This becoming known to the Governor, the Fisceal proceeded to Flushing and brought him along. He was banished the Province.”—*Doc. His.*, 3 : 106.

1657.—“At Hempstead there are some Independents; also many of the Dutch persuasion and Presbyterians. They have a Presbyterian preacher, Richard Denton, an honest, pious and learned man, who has in all things conformed to the Dutch church. The Independents listen attentively to his preaching, but when he begins to baptize the children of parents who are not members of the church, they sometimes burst out of the church.”—*Doc. His.*, 3 : 107.

1657.—“At Newtown the people are mostly Independents, and have Johannes More, who preaches well but administers no sacraments, and has thus continued many years. There are also many Presbyterians, but are not able to maintain a minister.”—*Doc. His.*, 3 : 107.

1657, *Mar. 8*.—The ship *Prince Maurice*, with 60 soldiers and a cargo of Dutch goods and emigrants, (180 souls in all) was wrecked on a cold, snowy night off Fire Island. All were saved, and by the friendly aid of the Indians, reached N. Y. by land.—*Col. His.*, 3 : 345.

1657, *July 17*.—Gov. Stuyvesant, at his house in Fort Amsterdam, writes to the Magistrate of Hempstead as follows: Loving Friends:—Before my departure from you I was in hopes of a good act among you, both in settling of Mr. Denton's continuance among you according to agreement, and of the tenths for the present year. But being in haste back and ready for my return, both were broken off by some turbulent spirits, if in the name of the whole town or any one I am yet ignorant, but not satisfied. Therefore you may be pleased to understand that we as yet expect the tenths upon the field for the year present, and (according to the value of them) for the year past.—This therefore is ordered, that before the gathering of the crop you shall give timely notice, so that we may send a man for what is the Patron's due and for the minister. You all do know that Mr. Robt. Fordham, sometime minister of Hempstead, did leave the place, and also the exercise of the ministry, without our wish or knowledge, and for little or no reason. Therefore we cannot admit him in such a manner of coming again.

1657, *July 25*.—Rich. Gildersleeve, in behalf of

the town of Hempstead, replied to the preceding: Right Worshipful—Yours of the 17th we have received wherein we understand you are not satisfied, hearing speeches from some private persons not employed by the town. The town does not own what they have said. We hope according to the agreement made for 100 skeepels of wheat for the tenths, you will be content. The which the town agreed with you and are willing to perform. Our desires are to embrace Mr. Denton's ministry, if God be pleased to continue him among us. As for yourself we have had sufficient experience of your willingness, and doubt not you are the same by your late free and noble proffer. We hope you will not take exceptions against the whole of us for the extravagant speeches of some individuals, for so it sometimes will fall out where a general vote is had. We have sent Mr. Seaman, the bearer hereof, who shall further inform your Worship.

1657, July 29.—Gov. Stuyvesant replies to the preceding as follows: Loving Friends—Your letter, by Mr. Seaman and his information, have given us full satisfaction. About the continuance of Mr. Denton among you, we shall use all the endeavors we can. If he cannot be persuaded you must look for another able and godly man whereunto we shall contribute what is in our power. *Doc. His.*, 3: 189.

1658, July 10.—At a Town meeting, Hempstead, it is agreed that Rich. Gildersleeve shall go to Manhattans to agree with the Gov. concerning tithes, not to exceed 100 schepels of wheat, and to be delivered (if required) at the Town harbor.—*Town Records*, p. 32.

1658, Oct. 3, was Humiliation day, new style.—*Hempstead Records*.

1658.—Ten shillings is voted those who helped to quench the fire when the town (Hempstead) was endangered. *Records*,

1659.—Thos Langdon, Hempstead, killed 10 wolves, and in 1661, he killed 10 more.

1661, Jan. 8.—Do. Drisius preached at Jamaica to correct the irregularities of the itinerant Quakers and other fanatics.

1661, Feb. 18.—Robt. Hobbs purchased of Wm. Hallet a house, garden, orchard and 2 acres of land in Flushing, but he refused to give a deed and yet sued for the money, now Tobias Feeks claimed the land, yet the magistrates of Flushing, gave judgement against Hobbs who appealed to the Director.

1661, May.—Randolph Huwitt's wife having been banished from New Amsterdam on account of her disorderly conduct, resided with her husband at Flushing four years, when they returned and petitioned to be allowed to carry on their former business of Tavern keeping. Petition rejected.

1661, July 4.—Thos. Terry and Sam'l. Dearing petition for leave for themselves to settle 7 families and Hempstead 10, at Matinecock. Granted, but

they are to bring in no Quakers or such like opinionists.—*Records*, B. p. 16.

1662, April.—Gysbert Opdyck, an old servant of the company, petitions to be appointed Sheriff of Flushing, Middleburgh and Rustdorp.

1662, July 22.—Connecticut orders Mr. Jno. Rigebell to be chosen constable of Oysterbay.—*Trumbull Rec.*, 1: 390.

1662, Oct. 5.—Jamaica, Flushing, Hempstead, Newtown and Gravesend, are annexed to Connecticut.

1663.—The little neck or point of land east of Matta Garrett's bay, commonly called Mad Nan's Neck, is granted by Hempstead to Thos. Hicks, John and Thos. Ellison, in lieu of their dividend.—*Records*.

1663, March 10.—Thos. Rushmore, constable, of Hempstead, opposes the government of Connecticut. He should be removed.\*—*Trumbull*, 1: 424.

1663, Nov. 7.—Anthony Waters and John Coe, miller of Newtown, raised a force of near 300 men and marched through the English towns on the west of L. I., convoked the people, told them they should no longer pay customs or taxes, removed the magistrates, and finally threatened the Dutch towns, if they did not also pronounce in favor of the English King.

1664, Jan. 4.—Hempstead, Newtown, Jamaica, Oysterbay and Flushing, combine to govern their own affairs irrespective of Connecticut.

1664, March 3.—Gov. Stuyvesant visits Hempstead, escorted by 10 soldiers.—*Col. His.*, 2: 468.

1664, May 12.—The following residents of Jamaica, were made freemen of Connecticut: Thos. Benedict, Jas. Smith, Mr. Walker, Dan'l. Denton, Henry Witney, John Baylis, Wm. Smith, Fulk Davis.—*Trumbull Rec.*, 1: 429.

1664, May 12.—Inhabitants of Hempstead made freemen of Conn.: Richard Gildersleeve, Sr. and Jr., Thos. Hicks, Jer. Wood, John Carpenter, John Smith, Jr., Mr. Fordham, Henry Pearsall, Edward Titus, Wm. Scadding, Jas. Pine, Wm. Yeates, Thos. Carle, Robt. Marvin, John Smith, Nan.—*Trumbull Rec.*, 1: 429.

1664, May 12.—Inhabitants of Newtown made freemen of Conn., if they accept it: Mr. Leveridge, Rich. Betts, Sam'l Coe, Caleb Leveridge, Ralph Hunt, Jno. Burrows, Jno. Ramsden, Nich. Carter, Gershom Moore, Jas. Christie.

Of Flushing: Wm. Noble, Elias Doughty, Walter Salter, Rich. Weller, Jno. Thorne, Nich. Persell, Thos. ———, Jona ———, Wm. Salsbee, Jno. Heeded.—*Trumb. Rec.*, 1: 430.

1664, May 12.—The Court of Conn. appointed

\*By order of the court at Hartford, he was put in jail Sept. 6, 1649, for disorder in the meeting-house on the Sabbath. He then lived in Connecticut.

Commissioners: for Jamaica, Robt. Coe, Thos. Benedict; Hempstead, Jno. Hicks, Rich. Gildersleeve; Flushing, Wm. Hallet, Wm. Noble; Oyster Bay, Jno. Rickbell, Robt. Ferman; Newtown, Capt. Jno. Coe, Rich. Betts; Gravesend, Jas. Hubbard, Wm. Wilkins.—*Trumbull, Rec. 1: 430.*

1665, Oct. 4. Dennis Holdren\* and wife Nora, separate in consequence of an ill correspondence between them and divide their estate equally, under the eye of the magistrate of Flushing.—*Vol. 1, Order and Warrants.*

1665.—Nora Holdren and John Lockerson, her son, (of Flushing) petition to have possession of an estate of £30 sterling now in the hands of Antony Waters, of Jamaica, and John Cockram of Newtown, as overseer of said John Lockerson,† who will be of age in July next.—*Orders, Vol. 11, 226,*

1666, Jan. 1.—A Sessions house and prison is to be built in Jamaica, and £100 to be levied on the towns in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

1666.—Mr. Francis Doughty was minister at Flushing, at 100 guilders a year. His contract for salary was burnt one year before trial by Wm. Lawrence's wife, who put it under a pye in an oven. Doughty's son sued John Hicks, Capt. John Underhill, and Capt. Wm. Lawrence, for back salary. Underhill had ordered the church door shut up because Doughty preached against the Government. Thereafter Doughty was discharged. His son recovered 600 guilders; each party to pay their own costs. The defence was, that Gov. Stuyvesant, by calling each person into his room separately, had forced the town to sign a call to said Doughty.

1666, March 14.—Capt. Underhill begs to be excused from military service on account of his age. He and 7 other families have farms at Matinecock, and are on good terms with the Indians there.

1666, March 26.—The people of Jamaica agree to keep the Sessions House in repair for 21 years, on condition of being allowed to worship in it. It cost £100. Flushing withheld her part of the contribution and was cited, for neglect thereof, before the Court of Sessions, at Jamaica.

1666, June.—As Tackapousha is dissatisfied with the sale of his lands, the Governor requests the town of Hempstead to give the Indians a gratuity for peace's sake.

1666, July 3.—Great drought. Hence no wheat or wheat-meal to be exported from N. Y.]

1666, Dec. 18.—Wm. Lawrence, of Flushing, for seditious words, is fined £15, and to make an apology to the court.

\*Dennis Holdren and Sarah Wilkins, widow, of Flushing, had license of marriage, July 23, 1669.

†Ancestor of the Kissams. He married Susanna Thorne, of Jamaica, July 10, 1667.

1667, March 6.—John Tredwell married Elizabeth Starr, of Hempstead.

1667, April 6.—Jos. Carpenter proposes to build a saw and fulling mill at Musketo Cove. He petitions for land on each side of the river or cove. Hempstead, he says, clearly can't own it. [He and Nath'l Colles were the first two settlers of that plantation.]

1667, July 25.—Weekope, Kleinbear, and Watawitt, Mahicander and River Indians, have leave to go to L. I. to dry clams and oysters.

1667, Aug. 12.—Wm. Bishop, John Elce, Aaron Forman, Ed. Griffin, Joseph Hedger, Rich. Long, Wm. Noble, Nich. Pearsall, Thos. Sadler, George Tippets, Jos. Thorn, John Thorn, George Wright, and Jona. Wright, of Flushing, present themselves to the Governor and give in their names to be ready to serve His Majesty under his honorable command, and on all occasions.—*Vol. 1, Orders, p. 180.*

1668, Feb. 24.—The inhabitants of Matinecock and Killingworth, through Capt. Underhill, petition the Governor to be made an independent town from Hempstead.—*Vol. 1, Orders, Warrants.*

1668, Nov.—Great sickness in N. Y., and over the land in general. Some are daily swept away and many more are lying on their languishing beds, expecting each hour their dissolution. A day of humiliation is ordered by the Governor, who complains of swearing, an intemperate way of drinking and all manner of impieties as prevailing.—*Orders, Vol. 2, 294.*

1669, March 31.—To his Excellency, the Earl of Bellomont, Capt. Gen. and Gov. of the Province of N. Y., &c. The humble petition of Sam'l Clowes sheweth, that your Excellency's petitioner being very desirous to be some way serviceable to His Majesty and your Excellency in this Province; doth hereby humbly offer himself and request your Excellency would graciously please to invest him with the employ of Comptroller or Surveyor of the customs, or any other post your Excellency shall think him qualified for; and your Excellency's petitioner shall (as in duty and gratitude bound) ever pray, &c.

1669.—Gov. Lovelace appoints a horse race to take place in May. Subscriptions to be taken for a crown in silver or the value in good wheat; the list of subscribers to be sent to Capt. Salisbury. [Gov. Nicolls had appointed a race the year before; not so much, he says, for the divertisement of youth as for the encouragement of the bettering of the breed of horses, which through great neglect is impaired.]—*Vol. 1, Orders.*

1669, May 16.—John Tredwell had his shoulder dislocated. The Governor therefore excuses him from the present general and town trainings.

1669, May.—Thomas Rushmore is ordered to give up to Capt. Seaman, the military colors which he got of the Governor.

1669.—David Whitehead was shot in the thigh (before June) and lost the use of one hand from the wilful shot of Wm. Albertus; and still endures great misery, and can do no service for himself, but is partly supported by a fine he got of Albertus. Thomas Stevens distrained Whitehead, got his clothes, &c., but, on his petitioning the Governor, he was declared free from all arrest.—*Vol. 2, Orders.*

1669, *Sept. 8.*—Thos. Haddersly, guilty of a breach of promise in N. Y., after the bans had been three times published, went to Flushing and pretended marriage to a daughter of one Hedger. A warrant was issued against him.—*Vol. 2, Orders, p. 525.*

1669, *Oct. 6.*—Jamaica offers Mr. Hubbard, of Gravesend, a lot to encourage him in setting up a mill in the town.—*Rec. p. 50.*

1669, *Nov. 5.*—Wm. Hallet not performing his contract to build a complete Sessions House, at Jamaica, the court decided that it must be done by next Christmas day, or he be fined £10.

1670, *Jan. 20.*—The town of Jamaica agrees to build a good dam for a mill, to be erected by Benj. Coe. He to grind the town's corn for the 12th (in preference to strangers) and they are to bring it such days as he may appoint.—*Rec., p. 51.*

1670, *April 4.*—Jamaica votes that Nicholas, the cooper, shall have half an acre of land by the Beaver Pond, to build a house on, to supply the town with such cooper's work as they shall stand in need of.—*Record.*

1670, *May 1.*—If the schoolmaster comes, Gildersleeve is to give up to him.—*Hemp. Rec.*

1670. The people of Jamaica petition the Governor against a certain witch, Katharine Harrison's settling there. Petition granted. [She had lived 19 years in Wethersfield, and been 12 months in prison at Hartford, and was released on her promise to remove elsewhere.—*Trumbull Rec. 2: 132.*

1670, *Aug. 22.* The Governor grants a pass to Tackapousha, with 40 other Indians, to visit his friends, the Northern Indians, to make some accustomed presents to them.

1670, *Dec. 29.* The libels of Hempstead, Flushing and Jamaica, were ordered to be publicly burnt before the Town House, in N. Y. [It appears. They would not bring palisadoes for the Fort at N. Y., as their patent did not require it.]—*Town Records, 1: 55.*

1671, *April 25.*—The people of Hempstead are not to plow or break up land for the Indians nor assist them therein. All Indians at Rockaway, except actual residents, are to be forewarned to depart. Ten families there, are to have 40 acres of land for corn.—*Records.*

1671.—[Jonah] Sutton at MadNan's Neck is

appointed trumpeter to the volunteers under Thos. Willets, who are ordered out May 22. The officers are to give him a suit of uniform clothes.

1671.—Hempstead is ordered to pay Richard Charlton, schoolmaster. They have refused, or too long delayed the fulfillment of their contract.—*Gen. Entries, 4:147.*

1671, *July 23.*—Tobias Feeks of Flushing 7 years ago, deserted, his wife, Mary and her children, and went to Holland, leaving also a son by a former wife. She paid some of his debts and petitions the Governor for leave to remain on her small farm and be exempt from paying any more debts.—*Vol. 4, orders.*

1671, *Sept. 21.*—Ben. Coe agrees with the Town of Jamaica to set up a mill on the river between Old Town Neck and Long Neck, to grind the town's corn well (and before strangers) and to take the 12th part for toll. If he sells the mill, the town is to have the refusal.—*Records, p. 61.*

1671, *Oct. 4.*—John Hubbs sues Wm. Hubbs for hog-stealing. John Woolley and Edward Banbury are witnesses. The sentence of the Court is £5 fine or 10 stripes.

1672.—Andries, a negro slave of Capt. Wm. Lawrence was whipped 39 stripes and branded on the forehead with a hot iron, for theft and larceny of some linen, etc. at Jamaica.

1672.—Rich. Lattin of Oysterbay being informed against by Loren Mott, was fined £50 for seditious words and to be imprisoned during the Governor's pleasure. He was excused from corporal punishment by reason of his age. [He at first fled but returned home on the issue of a proclamation for the confiscation of his estate if he did not appear.]

1672, *June 24.*—In a contested election for Constable at Hempstead, Robt. Jackson had 39 votes and Simon Searing 31. John Hicks and James Pine object to Jackson because the major part of his votes was from MadNan's Neck, who have small parcels of land and have no relation to the town equal to the ancient inhabitants—some parcels being divided into several shares. The Court decide that the people of MadNan's Neck may vote, if freeholders, and that they cannot be set off as a village by themselves and be abstracted from Hempstead. Capt. Seaman and J. Smith, B. appear for Jackson and Thos. Hicks and James Pine for Searing. The election is confirmed in Council.

1673, *Jan. 7.*—Thos. Appleby married Elizabeth Osborn, both of MadNan's Neck.

1673.—The house of Ellen Wall, for 23 years a resident of Flushing, was by an unexpected mischance burnt down, whereby she became needy and was forced in her old age (against nature almost) to begin the world again. The town's people owe her some small debts but she is put off by

the magistrates, and petitions the Governor for relief.—*See also Riker's Newtown*, p. 47.

1674, Jan. 15.—John Jennings, a sojourner at Hempstead, on complaint made by the wife of one Skudder of Maspeth Kills, that he carried off his brother's indentures, is sentenced to be put in prison in the Hole and on his release to be put in the stocks at Hempstead—there to sit two hours with a paper on his breast signifying his crime, and to pay all charges.

1674, Feb. 9.—The Court of Flushing send a dangerous fellow, under charge of two men, to the Governor, at New Orange, with a request that he be imprisoned there, as they have no jail or lock-up at Flushing.—*Col. Mss.*, 23 : 304.

1674, April 18.—Samuel Furman of Oysterbay, went about the streets of New York making a great noise and uproar, and presumed to come into the church and abuse the word of God and blaspheme His Holy name, for which he is sentenced to be severely whipped with rods, banished the Province and pay costs.—*Col. His.* 2 : 705.

1674, Nov. 30.—Thos. Champion, Rich. Gildersleeve, Wm. Jecocks, James Pine, Simon Searing and Jer. Wood of Hempstead, in behalf of some others, request Gov. Andros (as being father of this Commonwealth) to install such authority among them as may be a means under God for upholding and maintaining the ministry and worship of God "among us," that his honor may be promoted and his sabbaths observed, for the good of themselves and their posterity.

1674.—Thos. Case of Newtown, is ordered by the Court there not to entertain the wife of Wm. Smith without his consent.\*—p. 501, *Hinman's Conn.*

1674, Nov. 16.—John Burroughs of Newtown, is sentenced to be imprisoned till Monday, and then to be fastened to the whipping post before the City Hall at New York, and there stand one hour with a placard on his breast, denoting that he had addressed seditious letters to the Governor and Council, (which he pretended to be in the name of the town) and to be incapable hereafter of bearing any office or trust.

1674, Nov. 24.—Daniel Patrick\* and Francis Coley of Flushing, for contemptuously working on Thanksgiving Day, and giving reproachful language to the magistrates that questioned them for it, are sent to the New York Sessions by Justice Cornell and Mr. Hinchman.

1675, Jan. 1.—Chancy, an Indian, bound for two years to Moses Mudge of Musketo Cove, and since become his servant for debt, has run away and is supposed to be with the Sequetanck Indians.

\*Thos. Case of Fairfield removed to the Dutch in 1664, was afterwards imprisoned, rejected the inward light and died 1692, childless.—*Savage, Gen. Dict.*

†One Capt. Daniel Patrick was killed in Stamford.—*Howdy* 1, 127.

1675, Jan. 24.—The Indians on Long Island are to be disarmed at this juncture and their arms laid up in the nearest block house, and all Indian canoes on the north side of the Island above Hell Gate, are to be collected on account of the Indian disturbances at the eastward. No intercourse is to be allowed with the Indians on the Main, and those at Pell's must go to winter within Hell Gate on Long Island.

1675, Feb. 24.—Jamaica votes that a committee be fully empowered to treat with and (if they see cause) consummate an agreement with Mr. Joseph Carpenter, of Musketo Cove, and Caleb Carman, of Jamaica, for building a corn and saw mill where the old mill stands.—*Records*, p. 75.

1675, Feb. 29.—Tackapousha from Rockaway, sends to Gov. Andros at New York, two Indians bearing an Indian scalp with the hair on.

1675, June 10.—Francis Bloodgood and Myn-dert Coerten of Flushing, are bound over on a complaint of Dr. Taylor against Coerten for seditious words; but no one appearing against them, they are dismissed.

1675, July 22.—John, son of John and Susanna Skidmore, while playing at the house of Samuel and Naomi Barker at Jamaica, one Sunday (a difference arising, as was alledged between them) took up and cocked a loaded gun (in the absence of the parents) fired and shot his son Thomas Barker through the body with a brace of bullets, so that he died next day. As the neighbors manifested so much malice, Skidmore petitioned the Governor for a trial by disinterested parties, as his son did not know of the gun's being loaded. He was tried Oct. 7. The witnesses were John Oldfield and Richard Burgess, lads, who were not put to their oath by reason of their age. It appeared that the deceased forgave the lad. Verdict of the jury; chance medley, whereupon the prisoner was cleared by proclamation of the Court.

1675, Sep. 15.—Capt. Thomas Townsend of Oysterbay, complains to the Governor that the Quakers won't keep watch. It is ordered that *all* must obey the laws.

1675, Oct. 21.—A block house must be erected forthwith on MadNan's neck. The people have neglected former orders and did not help Hempstead either, and are to be punished for contempt if further delayed.

1675, Oct. 27.—The Indians have in friendship brought in their arms to Hicks. "You may lend them, says the Governor, as many back as you judge proper for their present hunting. See, however, that the people of Hempstead omit not sending daily to see them according to order."

1675.—Thomas Case while preaching at Matinecock is arrested by the Constable of Oysterbay. He had also preached at Humphrey Clay's.\*

\*Clay lived in Bushwick in 1698.—*Doc. His.* 3, 135.

1675, Oct.—Mary Case is fined £5 for interrupting Mr. Leverich while preaching, and saying to him: "Come down, thou whited wall, thou that feedest thyself and starvest the people." The Constable led her out of the meeting. Samuel Scudder is fined £6 or go to jail for sending a long and scandalous letter to Mr. Leverich. Francis Coely submits and is dismissed. Elizabeth Appleby disturbed the Court of Sessions and is committed. Thomas Case is fined £20 for preaching and making a disturbance before John Bown's door at Flushing.

1675, Nov. 23.—Cornbury or Little MadNan's Neck hitherto supposed to be in Flushing (the line having been run) is annexed to Hempstead. Hicks who lives there has an interest also and office in Hempstead.

1676.—Thomas Case of Newtown, deluded women by his teaching. He pursued extravagant and illegal courses to the scandal and disturbance of the Colony. He has deluded and drawn away Ann, wife of John Rogers, and Susanna, daughter of John Townsend, notwithstanding the demands and endeavors of the husband and father; he detains them from their duty; and utters from place to place many unfit gestures and words against the laws of God and the authority of this Government.

1676, Jan. 12.—Too many persons visit Thos. Case in prison. None hereafter to be admitted.

1676, Jan.—The Constable and Overseers of Jamaica grant liberty to Richard Jones to make use of the Meeting House to teach school in for the year ensuing, except when wanted for town business, provided he keep the windows from breaking and keep it decent and clean on Saturday nights against the Lord's Day, and have the seats placed in order.—*Town Records*, p. 80.

1676, May 12.—John Rogers had complained to the Governor, of Ann, his wife, being drawn away by Thomas Case, in whose house and company at Maspeth Kills, he found her after 14 days absence, but could not get her to come home with him. Ann was brought before the Governor at Oysterbay, and after sundry extravagant expressions, she promised to return home and comport herself according to the duty of a wife, without rambling abroad, particularly after Case; but next morning she presumed to come into the house of Geo. Dennis where the Governor was lodging, in a dancing, quaking manner, with silly insignificant discourse to the disturbance and scandal of the house, and in derision of authority, for which she was sent to New York, to be kept in close custody.

1676, May 17.—Three pieces of land one mile square each, are bought of the Matinecock Indians about Musketo Cove, of which the people already have the herbage and trees. The Indians at first asked an extravagant rate, but at last consented to take 600 guilders, seawant.

1676, July 24.—Richard Jones of Jamaica is

sent prisoner to New York, on information of Alex. Smith, for using treasonable words against His Majesty.

1676, Sep. 29.—Gildersleeve and Searing in the name of the town of Hempstead, forbid any squatters on Cow Neck.

1676, Oct. 3.—The Governor grants, on petition, 100 acres of land, improveable and not yet appropriated, on the west side of Cow Neck, with meadow proportionable, to John Cornell, who, with his wife and five children, had been driven from his habitation at the eastward by the Indians. Cornell having obtained the above grant, proceeded to build thereon. Hempstead then voted (Oct. 14) that all holders of rights on Cow Neck should go and pull down the building: that Cornell had set up. Whereupon the claimants tore down his building. He then got out a warrant to bring the rioters with all force, civil and military, before the Governor. The following proceedings then took place, at a Special Court of Assize: the indictment was read and the jury called over. The prisoners at the bar, Thos. Rushmore, Nath'l. Pearsall, Adam Mott, Abm. Smith, and Jos. Langdon, excepted to Elias Doughty, Dr. Taylor and Thomas Stevens, in whose places were put John Cooper, John Conklin and Nicholas Edes. A question then arose whether the prisoners should hold up their hands for a riot or not. The Court decided in the negative. A paper signed, Sept. 19, by Rushmore, "with many hands of combination," was produced and read. These 37 signers bound themselves to assert their rights in Hempstead, and especially on Cow Neck.

It is moved by Mr. Leete\* the King's Counsel, to amend the indictment, and insert felony instead of riot. C. Sandford, counsel for the prisoners, insisted that there must be twelve to make an unlawful assembly a riot, according to law. All are withdrawn but the Court. The Court decided to proceed according to the indictment, and that the rest be called over who set their hands to the paper and resolution; and then decide how they shall be proceeded against.

Four of the prisoners are withdrawn and Nathaniel Pearsall left remaining and indicted apart. He pleads not guilty. A paper was read, signed by Searing, Pearsall and Richard Gildersleeve, which is the beginning of the "combination." He acknowledges it and submits to the Court. Richard Cornell, one of the bench, being asked his knowledge, taxes Pearsall to be the first man that begun. There were to be 25 men but he counted only 22.

The prisoner offers to prove (1) his title, and questions whether a riot can be committed on one's own land—overruled. 2. He moves to extenuate the fact as to the value of the damage done, and as to the agreement under their hands, called a "combination;" and he thinks (3) that their endeavors to defend their title legally not to be a riot; as he had no arms, gave no threatening words nor heard

\*Was this Wm. Leete, Dep. Gov. of New Haven?

the forewarning of Cornell in His Majesty's name. Sandford read from Dalton's Justice, that to remove a common nuisance any number of persons may meet and remove it to another place. The jury without parting from Court deliver in their verdict that Pearsall is guilty by proof and confession. The prisoner is withdrawn and Thomas Rushmore brought to the bar. He said he meddled with nothing but what was his own, and that Cornell called them "wolves and Indians." Christopher Yeomans being sworn says, he was stripping off some tobacco in his house, at Great Neck, and heard a great noise of people, and afterward saw some horsemen and Lieut. Mott come up, who asked him if he would go with him, and borrowed his canoe. So they got in and rowed over to Cow Neck, where he saw Richard Cornell and near twenty Hempstead men, among whom was the prisoner at the bar, Thomas Rushmore, who (Mr. Cornell saith) was the first who laid hold of and struck at the building which they quietly pulled down. Mr. Cornell first spoke to Yeomans, but he replied: "I am none of them." Then Cornell said: "bear witness what ye see done." Roger Pedly testified as above, and also that Rushmore said: "Come let us do what we came about." Whereupon he laid hands upon a pole and the rest followed him and pulled down what had been set up and then cut it to pieces.

The Court charged the jury, who went out on the whole case and find all guilty. The sentence is as follows:

Nathaniel Pearsall, Clerk of Hempstead, who first signed the paper is fined £20 and to give bond for his good behavior. Thomas Rushmore, who stands in his justification, is fined £40 and six months' imprisonment, then to come out on giving security for his good behavior to the next Court of Assizes. Adam Mott (who pleads he was not in the "combination" nor knew of the Governor's special warrant, nor did anything to withstand authority, but went to defend his own concerns upon the land) on his submission and good behavior is fined £5. Abm. Smith acknowledges his hand—was employed by the town to warn off John Cornell, and was the last time with the rest to preserve their rights on the Neck, but with no ill intent and gave no ill words, and told Cornell if he had any goods or things in the small building, he would do well to take them out. He is fined £10 and to give security for his good behavior. Joseph Langdon confessed that he was one of the rioters and helped to pull down the house, and owns his hand to the paper. He is fined £10 and to give security for his good behavior.—*Vol. 20, Assizes.*

All the rest are to be summoned to the next Court of Sessions, at Jamaica, when the Court are to examine into the business and (as they see cause) to acquit the fine or bind them to their good behavior and to appear at the Court of Assize; and the agreement is declared to be illegal, and whoever acts thereby is to be declared criminal. It is the judgment of the Court that Mr. Cornell has

liberty to settle at Cow Neck again, where he was: and if the land shall appear to belong to the Hempstead men, they shall be paid for it as much as they can prove it to be worth.—*Vol. 3: 127, Council Minutes.*

1676.—Hempstead was cited before the Governor to show a particular survey for all their Indian purchases. Both sides were to plead their own cause. Captain Seaman came with Rushmore from Hempstead to speak to the Governor, at the Court of Assize, to give their reasons for not taking out their patents, and about the Neck and other matters. They came but never spake a word.

1676?—William Leverich is sued for saying that the Dutch, at Albany, supplied powder to the Indians. He is fined twenty beavers for not being able to make good his assertion, and to give bonds in the sum of £100 for his good behavior for the next six months.

1677, *March 13.*—The Pequod Indians have been over to see Mounquamy, the Rockaway Sachem. The Governor orders Hempstead to settle with the Indians for the land they have bought.

1677, *July 22.*—Gildersleeve, aged 73, and his wife, testify that Tackapousha has been paid for his lands.

1678.—John Okeson, (Kissam) buys of John Smith, Rock, two lots, of ninety-nine acres, at Mad Nan's Neck, for £90, to be paid in good merchantable blade tobacco, in casks—to be delivered at the weigh-house, New York, at price current, equivalent to good merchantable pork, wheat, beaver, seawant, in four payments, 1679, '80, '81 and '82.—*County Records.*

1669?—The marriage of John Underhill, Jr., and Mary Prior, of Oysterbay, is pronounced null, and they are fined by the Sessions, in June, £5 apiece, for a breach and contempt of the law; and to pay £10 more if they shall not be legally married before the holding of the next Court of Assizes, which being neglected, they are fined £10 each and the judgment of the Court below affirmed.

1678, *Jan. 24.*—A warrant is granted to Captain James Hubbard to survey and make a map of Great or Cow Neck.

1678, *Dec. 11.*—The Constable of Flushing complains that John Prior and Elizabeth Bown live together unlawfully, under pretence of marriage in Quaker meeting.

1679, *May 19.*—Thomas Rushmore has license to erect a grist and saw mill, on a stream on the west side of Mad Nan's Neck, on land not yet taken up or improved, and to cut timber not appropriated, for his saw mill.

1679, *Dec. 10.*—Tackapousha, who claimed half of Cow Neck, has liberty from the Court of Sessions to settle on the east side, but he is to admit no strange Indians.

1664.—Hendrick Thompson, Cow-keeper of Jamaica, is charged with using scandalous words against the King.

1665, April 21.—Thomas Case and Mary Meacock, have not been lawfully engaged as man and wife, and are declared free from the obligation of Wedlock; each to enjoy what property belongs to him or her; the children of Mary to remain with the mother.—*Gen. Entries*, 1:111.

1674, Dec. 1.—Petition from the people of Jamaica, praying for a representative form of government.—*Col. Mss.*, 24:25.

1675, Nov. 1.—Mary Case was released from prison, in New York, at the request of her friends, and on her promise not to go abroad to unlawful meetings, nor to have any at home.—*Col. Mss.*, 25:1.

1677, Jan. 7.—Hempstead voted, by a majority, to build a Meeting House, 30 feet long, 24 feet wide and 12 feet stud between the joints, with a lean-to on each side. The builder was Joseph Carpenter.—*Town Records*, B, p. 123, 128.

1680.—Jean Guenon, Frs. Breteau and Jean Apré, three Frenchmen, of Flushing, petition for more land. They have lived there over twenty years.—*Vol. 1*, p. 170, *Land Papers*.

1680, May 12.—The old Meeting House and Fort, at Hempstead, were sold at outcry, for £2, 12s., in meeting house pay—that part of the Fort excepted that stands in Jeremy Wood's lot.—*Records*, B, p. 64.

1680, Oct. 6.—John West, merchant, of New York, was appointed, by Governor Andros, Secretary of the Province and Clerk of the Court of Assizes. In August, 1683, he was superseded by John Spragg, as Provincial Secretary. In 1684 he married the daughter of Thomas Rudyard. On the return of Andros to power he accompanied him to Boston. West was seized on Andros' overthrow and immured in the castle at Boston.—*Col. His.*, 3:657.

1681, Feb. 14.—Christopher Dean and Thomas Robbins had a warrant to seize a ketch riding in Cornbury bay, and loaded with wheat, grain and flour, unbolted. They applied to Thomas Willets, Thomas Hicks and Richard Cornell, to assist them, who refused till they had consulted Major Thomas Willets. Dean and Robbins, in a mad, hare-brained and preposterous manner, went on board Mr. Hascock's sloop, took a gun and threatened to fire into the said Ketch, with other daring expressions, which had like to make a mutiny and disturbance among the neighbors. On their complaint to New York, the three magistrates replied that they had sent for the Captain and found he had some wheat and had taken security of him to answer for what he had on board.—*Vol. 30*, *Albany Records*. Also, *Col. His.*, 5:57; 6:461.

1681, March 13.—John Hanse, John Tunesen

and Jerome Rapelye get land, at Rockaway, of the Indians.—*Hempstead Records*, p. 125.

1681, Sept. 22.—Jamaica appoints Wm. Creed to go to Huntington to confer with the other delegates about grievances and the privileges of the county, etc.—*Records*.

1682, Jan. 4.—Hempstead hires carpenters to build a Parsonage, i. e., a Town House, 35 feet long, 18 feet wide, nine or ten feet between the joints.—*Records C*, p. 29, 123.

1682.—Wamassomman, an Indian, killed two wolves, for which the Constable of Hempstead gave him two Indian coats, five shillings and a quart of rum.—*Records*.

1682, May 6.—Rev. Jeremiah Hobart, called to Hempstead, by major vote. Salary £70 and firewood. Some dissented.—*Rec.*, p. 123.

1682, June.—The people of Mad Nan's Neck engaged the Rev. Morgan Jones as their minister, but the Rev. Mr. Hobart, of Hempstead, forbid his living among them. On his leaving them the people petition the Governor for a resident minister to instruct themselves and their sixty children; for otherwise they cannot but expect that atheism or irreligion will grow up among them, as Mr. Hobart has been there but three times for the past four years, and then on week-days, whereas he was ordered, by the Governor, to preach there once a month.—*Doc. His.*, 3:346.

1682, June.—Hempstead, sensible of the ill neighborhood of Tackapousha, with his Indians, on Cow Neck, (which is in the town bounds) commenced an action (May 25, 1682) against him at the Jamaica Sessions and obtained judgment, but John West, Clerk of the Court, was also attorney for the Indians, and appealed to the next Court of Assizes, when no Indians appeared, but West plead for them. Hempstead finding no bill brought in by the Indians eight days before trial, neglected to bring their former judgment confirmed. The Court insisted on going on with the trial and Hempstead depended on the minutes of the previous Court in West's possession, but he did not or would not produce them, and so the town was cast. But it did redound well to the Clerk's advantage by the Indians' grant and gift to him of a great tract of land. Hempstead petitions the Governor for a review of the case as the Indians did not appear at the last trial and were not bound by it, neither should Hempstead be. Petition granted.—*Albany Records*, 31.

1682, Oct.—Hendrick Hegeman and others petition the Governor for leave to buy vacant land on Cow Neck, of the Naturals or Indians, as they have gained their suit in the Sessions.

1682, Dec. 8.—The town of Hempstead pleads against Hanse and his associates settling at Rockaway.—*Land Papers*, Vol. 2:3. *Records*, p. 29.

1683, Oct. 3.—Thomas Higham, tailor, sells a

negro slave who has lost all the fingers on the right hand, and thumb on the left.—*Hempstead Rec., C. p. 24.*

1684, Jan. 3.—The inhabitants of Mad Nan's Neck petition the Governor for right of commonage, to have the privileges of the township, to have the minister come over among them to instruct their children in the duties of Christianity, and to have the right of voting at town meetings.—*Albany Records, 31.*

1684, March.—Flushing votes to Governor Dongan 400 acres of land, extending south of Success pond to the edge of Hempstead Plains. Hempstead also grants him 200 acres, adjoining.

1685, Feb. 18.—Morgan Jones, late minister of Newtown, petitions the Governor. He came, he says, from Maryland to New York, March 9, 1679, and Governor Andros ordered him to go to Newtown to be their minister. The Constable and Overseers agreed to give him £50 a year (merchant's pay) and fifty acres of land and build a house for him. They are now £100 in arrears and won't pay.—*Albany Records, 32.*

1685, March 17.—Jamaica votes that Benjamin Coe and John Hansen shall have liberty to set up a corn and fulling mill, on Foster's River, "in our bounds"—giving them the privilege of stream; they engaging to maintain a good mill, and grind for the town for the twelfth part.—*Records.*

1685.—Boscobel, a tract of 230 acres, on the south side of Hempstead Plains, was laid out for John Spragg, the Governor's Secretary. It was bought of Elias Orty and others.—*Land Papers, Vol. 2. Town Record, p. 58.*

1686, Dec. 15.—John Smith complains to the Governor that the Indians pitch their wigwams on land on the north side of Hempstead, granted him twenty years ago.

1687, June 12.—Ordered in Council, that Mad Nan's Neck pay all arrears to Hobart, and that they be separated from Hempstead hereafter, and that Morgan Jones be inducted as their minister.

1688, March 27.—William Smith and John Foster, of Foster's Meadow, and Samuel Sweezy, took (by warrant from Daniel Whitehead) several marked horses from Southold, but afterward gave them up and repented.

1689, May 15.—All the old Magistrates and military officers are put out of office, in Suffolk and Queens counties, by the people, who choose others in their stead. A great part of the militia have marched from their homes, and are now at or near Jamaica. Their intention is to seize the fort at New York, and to keep off Popery, French invasion and slavery.

1690, Jan. 10.—The officers of the military company, on Mad Nan's Neck, are Richard Osborn, Captain; John Hobbs, Lieutenant, and Jonah Sutton, Ensign.

1690, April 22.—Nathaniel Pearsall, chosen to the Assembly from Queens County, refuses to sit and act as Representative.—*Doc. His., 2: 282.*

1690, Nov. 7.—Capt. John Clap, in behalf of 104 citizens of Newtown, Flushing, Hempstead and Jamaica, complains to the King of Leisler's usurpation, and that Jacob Milburn and Samuel Edsall have been selling, seizing and confiscating their property, for refusing obedience to him. They even stripped their wives and daughters of their wearing apparel, and shot and wounded divers poor Englishmen, and then sequestered and sold their estates.

1690, Dec. 4.—Rev. J. Hobart has an order from the Court of Oyer and Terminer, to compel Hempstead to pay the arrears of his salary.—*Town Records, p. 66.*

1691, March 25.—John Jackson received 38 s. and 6 d. for hay and oats that he furnished to twenty-seven horses of the Hempstead troop, that were marched to Brooklyn ferry.

1691, May 4.—James Sackett, of Newtown, appointed, against his own wish, Collector of Taxes, in Leisler's time, prays relief of the Governor, as the people now demand their money back.

1691.—John Bowne and Nathaniel Pearsall, elected to the Assembly, from Queens County, were dismissed the House, for refusing to take the oath. Five days after, John Jackson, Sheriff of Queens County, returned Captain Daniel Whitehead and John Tredwell, as members, but Tredwell was seized on some charge, by the Sheriff of New York, and the Assembly, on due investigation, "find the allegations against him so scandalous that he can't serve as member." Seven days after the Sheriff returns the name of John Robinson, to supply Tredwell's place.—*Assembly Journal.*

1691, July 3.—Jer. Hobart petitions the Governor. He has been minister of Hempstead eight years and his salary is not paid.—*Albany Rec., Vol. 37.*

1691, July 11.—To the proprietors and freeholders of the town of Hempstead:—The request of John Stuard humbly sheweth, that inasmuch as it has pleased God to make me a master of a family, I finding it a necessity to settle myself, I am willing to settle among you, to follow the trade of a cooper, as also to practice the art of surgery. I do therefore request that you be pleased to give me a right of 18 or 20 acres of land that is tillable, a little east of the Pine Point, near the Plain Edge. It is the bit of that hollow, called the Bloody Hollow, for which I shall be very thankful, and also ready and willing to serve you in either of the arts aforesaid, so far as I have understanding.—*Records C., p. 56.*

[81 persons joined in the above petition.]

1691?—Cow and Great Neck (45 families) pe-

tition the Governor to be set off from Hempstead, and choose their own Assessors. To muster, pay taxes, and carry their grain to that inland place is too great a hardship, especially as their houses are eight, ten, and some fifteen miles asunder. They wish to send their grain (for taxes) to New York, direct, by water.—*Albany Records*, Vol. 37.

1692, *March 6*.—Daniel Lawrence, laborer, is cited to New York, for misdemeanor in damning the blood of the Justices.

1692, *June 17*.—In the list of Captain Peter Schuyler's company, among other names, are: John Allison, Matthew Bedell, Joseph Bates, John Gaile, Thomas Higgon, William Hall, Pr. Mason, Vincent Martin, Richard Potter, James Pinhouse (for J. Pettit), William Parcell, William Robard, Amos Smith, Samuel Skidmore, John Thomas (for Samuel Allyn) and Jeremy Thickston. Queens County contributed 16 men; Kings, 14; Suffolk, 16.

1692.—To Captain Bradhurst's company, Suffolk contributed 15 men; Kings, 2; and Queens, 3, viz: Barnaby Floy, Clerk; Thomas Force, Sergeant, and William Albertson.

1692, *Sept. 9*.—John Coe petitions to be set free. He has been fifteen months in jail on the suit of Thomas Hire for £230. He was arrested by Hire April 20, 1691, for having brought him to New York on Leisler's warrant.

1692, *Sept. 9*.—William Lawrence and John Coe were eleven months in jail for treasonable crimes, in Leisler's time, (April, 1691) and were indicted in October following.

1694, *March 1*.—Yoris Abrahamse, of Newtown, was pitched on for Collector of the County rate, but he petitions the Governor to be released from the office, as he is wholly incapacitated, understanding no accounts, nor one who can write or speak English, neither understanding any law, way or method in distraining for said rates, not being able to read or know the lists of persons named on it. He also has hired a person to act as his substitute at Fort Albany; and prays he may not be compelled to serve in both capacities.

1692-4.—Thomas Willet cut down two acres of corn of William Peat, at Cow Neck.

1696, *March 17*.—The trees of Thomas Willet, at Cow Neck, were cast down with axes, staves and knives, and evils threatened to him by Timothy Halstead, Jr., William Peat, George Pearsall, Samuel Rainer, Jer. and Israel Smith, Peter Totten, Ephraim Valentine, laborers, and other evil doers. A warrant was issued, by Thomas Hicks and Daniel Whitehead, to arrest and carry them to the next jail. They were fined £2 each, whereupon they petitioned the Governor for relief, saying that they went ignorantly to cut their wood, on Cow Neck, by permission of the town of Hempstead.

1698, *Sept.*—Daniel and John Lawrence were fined £3 each, for burning a hovel or small house, valued at £12, 2s., which William Hallet, after digging a cellar, had set up on what they claimed as their land.

1698.—Jackson and Whitehead were chosen to the Assembly, and their election was unsuccessfully contested by Content Titus, Jonas Wood, William Lawrence, Hope Carpenter, and John Coe.—*Assembly Journal*.

1699, *March 31*.—The petition of Samuel Clowes, to be appointed Comptroller of the Customs, (erroneously dated 1669, on page 6) was rejected.

1699, *May 6*.—Governor Bellomont writes that "Captain Whitehead, who is one of the members that serve for Queens County, keeps a public house, at Jamaica, and is a disciple of Nichols. 'Tis at his house that Nichols always had a rendezvous with his pirates, in Colonel Fletcher's time. Nichols has so poisoned the people of Queens County (who are all English) that two thirds of them are said to be downright Jacobites, and to avoid taking the oaths to the King (which I lately enjoined all the males to do from sixteen years old and upwards) a great many pretend themselves Quakers, but soon after, at the election of Assemblymen, those very men pulled off the mask of Quakerism, and were got very drunk, and swore and fought bloodily—their patron Nichols being a spectator all the while. In Suffolk they are all English too, but of a quite different temper and principle, the balance is, as I am told, ten Williamites for one Jacobite."—*Col. His.*, 4: 508.

1699.—A third part of the goods imported into the Colony of New York were run into the four ports on Long Island, viz.: Setauket, Oysterbay, Musketo Cove and Southold. John Townsend, of Oysterbay, was appointed by the Governor, Surveyor of the Customs, with a salary of £30 per year and one third of the seizures, but being abused by the inhabitants, he soon resigned his office "through fear of being knocked on the head" by some of the smugglers.—*Journal of Assembly*.

*No date*.—Mercy, an Indian woman, of Cow Neck, says that Penuis, an Indian, the Sagamore's son, belonging to Block Island, enquired if she knew how many houses there were on this end of Long Island; and further asked Masseur, an Indian servant of Samuel Sands, whether he would assist him to cut off the English. Upon which Masseur wished to know whether they would be kind to them. But answer was made that no mercy should be shown, but if the Mohawks should say, "strike," he would do it. But, saith the Indian, if you will join with us, then you shall be safe, all one as one of us. And Mercy says that Penuis had been out upon discovery upon Great Mad Nan's Neck,\* Cow Neck and Littleworth, and pla-

\*Great Neck was originally called Mad Nan's Neck.

ces thereabouts, who afterwards made his boasts that he would destroy these places like nothing; and this Penuis was designed to go into the Mohawk country and raise a party of Indians to land in the night and foggy days, by small numbers at a time, and so keep them private in the woods until he had his number on Long Island to accomplish his design; and further the French are to meet by water and so fall on and destroy all together, for Leisler's sake. Further, Penuis said, if this Indian woman would keep his counsel, that after he had conquered the Island and destroyed the English, he would make her his queen, and he set a mark on her arm as a demonstration of his fidelity.

Joseph Hunt, an Indian belonging to Rye, and landing on Cow Neck, the 14th inst., declared of six stray Indians seen in the woods on the Main, who had their faces blacked and their eyes red—a token of war. On Wednesday last there came a strange Indian into a wigwam on Cow Neck, who had a new coat, gun, hatchet and two knives, one in each garter of his stockings, who enquired if there were any more houses thereabouts. The Indian girl being afraid said there were more. He then asked whether this was Tackapousha's country. Being afraid she answered he was dead, and his country was further southward; and so the Indian went away, and nothing further was heard of him.

Captain Sands' Indian was much affrighted at the news, but after some private conference between Joseph Hunt and Captain Sands' Indians, they were all reconciled and quiet in their minds and went all cheerfully about his business. And all the Indians repaired to that Indian house at night where the strange Indian was seen, and the Indian seems ever since to be much encouraged.

A further relation from Mr. Sands, which he had from an Indian boy, that this Penuis would have an Indian, called Charles, to go up to Albany, for they did intend (5 or 6,000 of them) to get into Albany, under pretence of going to take Canada. Under this pretence the Dutch and English will be kind and open hearted, and in the light of their frolic we will cut off the town.—*Col. Mss., Vol. 37.*

1701.—Jackson and Whitehead were expelled the House of Assembly, for absenting themselves and refusing to serve. They left the House, as they said, because non-residents were not allowed to sit, but refused to give their reason to the House. Colonel Thomas Willet and John Talman were elected in place of the expelled members. It seems they presented to the House an offensive paper, "written in barbarous language; indited by others who took advantage of their simplicity." They then went home and would not obey the summons to attend the House, whereupon they too were expelled. The offensive paper that caused this expulsion closed in these words: "till you giv us furdur satisfaktion and the speaker (Gouverneur) clere himself from being an aliene, we cannot acte with you, to sit and spend ower tyme and the countie's mony to macke actes that will be voyd in

themselves—and we consider you no house." Captain Thomas Hicks and Jonathan Smith were elected in place of the expelled members.—*Ass. Journal.*

1701, May 3.—John Searing, John Carle, and Thomas Gildersleeve, are chosen at Town Meeting to repair the Meeting House, on the town's charge.—*Hempstead Records D, p. 94.*

1702.—The Rev. George Keith, in his Journal, says: "I arrived at Boston from England, June 11th, with Rev. Patrick Gordon, who died about six weeks after, at Jamaica, of a violent fever then frequent at New York, where he first had it as is thought. The Quakers have their greatest meetings at Flushing and Oysterbay. These I have attended several times. Sept. 15th, we (Talbot and Keith) hired a sloop to carry us from New London to Oysterponds, Long Island. After that, we came on horseback twenty-four miles, and lodged at Mr. Howell's, an inn-keeper. Next day we travelled forty-five miles to Seatalket, and lodged at Mr. Gibs's, inn-keeper. Next day travelled thirty-two miles to Oysterbay, where we were kindly received and hospitably entertained by Edward White, at his house, on free cost, for several days, where we staid to rest and refresh us. He was a Justice of the Peace, and had, with his wife, been formerly a Quaker, and was not quite come off from them. Sept. 20th, (Sunday) at the request of Mr. White and some neighbors, having used the church prayers, I preached from Titus, 2: 11, 12, and that day Mr. Talbot baptized a child, at the request of the mother, the husband being from home. Sept. 24th, I went to the Quakers' meeting, at Flushing, accompanied by Mr. Talbot and Mr. Vesey, and divers other persons from Jamaica, well affected to the Church of England. After some time of silence I began to speak, standing up in the gallery, where their speakers use to stand when they speak; but I was so much interrupted by the clamor and noise that several of the Quakers made, forbidding me to speak, that I could not proceed. After this one of their speakers began to speak, and continued about an hour. The whole was a ramble of nonsense and perversion of Scripture with gross reflections on the church and government there. He said vice was set up (which was a reflection on the government there) because some were lately made Justices of the Peace on Long Island, who were not greatly affected to Quakerism, etc., etc. After he had done he went out of the meeting in all haste, fearing he should be questioned about what he had said. I stood up again to speak but they made a new interruption, and threatened me with being guilty of a breach of the "Act of toleration," and thereby had put myself £20 in the Queen's debt. I replied that I was silent while their preacher was speaking, but that they broke the Act by interrupting me. They said I had no right to speak in their meeting house, which they had paid for, and I had contributed nothing. One was so hot that

he commanded me to go out of the house. I said that it was not his, and that all who have a mind to come in at meeting-time may come, and ye are bound to keep your doors open, etc., etc. Sept. 30th, I preached from James, 5 : 13, at the weekly Fast, appointed by the Governor, by reason of the great mortality then in New York, where above 500 died in the space of a few weeks, and that very week, 70. My Lord Cornbury was very kind to us. At his invitation we did eat at his table both Sundays and other times. Sept. 27 (Sunday), I preached at Hempstead in the afternoon, from Luke, 10 : 42, where was such a multitude that the church could not hold them so that many stood without, at the doors and windows, to hear, who were generally well affected and greatly desired that a Church of England minister should be settled among them. Mr. John Thomas is now their minister. Nov. 26, (Thursday) I preached at Hempstead, on Acts, 26 : 18. Nov. 29, preached again there, on Heb., 8 : 10, 11, 12. Dec. 3, I again visited the Quaker meeting, at Flushing, having obtained a letter from My Lord Cornbury to two Justices of the Peace to go along with me, to see that the Quakers should not interrupt me, but they did, and took no notice of My Lord Cornbury's letter, which was read to them by Talbot, in their meeting. I brought the printed Act of toleration with me, and Talbot read some passages to show that they had not qualified their meeting houses nor their preachers as the Act requires. We staid and heard three speakers utter nonsense and perversions of scripture. The chief speaker, a most ignorant person, said : "Balak [Cornbury] had sent Balaam [Keith] to curse the people of God." After they had done, and generally gone away, (speakers and others) many who were not Quakers staid and heard me detect the perversions they had made of the scriptures, etc. Dec. 6, I preached at Oysterbay, in the Town House, on Rom., 10 : 7, 8, 9, and we were kindly entertained by Edward White. 1703, Nov. 14 (Sunday), I preached at Jamaica, on Heb. 8 : 9, 10. Nov. 17, I preached at Oysterbay, (Wednesday) on Jude., 20, 21 ; and Nov. 19, I baptized the wife of Captain Jones and the wife of Edward White and all his children, three sons and five daughters. (He and his wife were formerly Quakers but are come over to the church). Nov. 20, (Saturday) I baptized John Townsend, Justice of the Peace and his three children and Mr. Nathaniel Cole, his wife and three children. There had scarce been any profession of the Christian religion among the people of that town. They had scarce any notion of religion but Quakerism. The Quakers had formerly a meeting there but many of them became followers of Thomas Chase [Case] and were called "Chase's crew," who set up a new sort of Quakerism, and condemned marriage, etc. Nov. 21, (Sunday) I preached at Hempstead church, on 1 Peter, 2 : 9, and lodged at Isaac Smith's, four miles from the church, where I baptized a young woman of his family, and a boy and girl of his relations and a

neighbor's child, a boy. This Smith had formerly been a Quaker, and was scarce then fully come off, but came and heard me preach and was well affected, and did kindly entertain me.

1702, Oct. 20.—On account of the sickness in New York, by which 500 died in ten weeks, the Assembly adjourned to Jamaica till November 14th. [It was the yellow fever, brought from St. Thomas].—*Col. Hist.*, 4 : 972, 1004.

1702, Oct.—Four horse-carts and sixteen wagons were hired to go from Jamaica to Brooklyn Ferry for the transportation of Governor Cornbury's effects, a horse for the trumpeter and a horse for Antony Walters.

1702, Nov. 17.—The town of Hempstead votes one hundred acres of land; with conveniences of watering near the East Meadow Point, for a free school; also timber for building, fencing and firewood, with other conveniences.—*Ass. Journal*, 1 : 150.

1703, Jan. 12.—At a general town meeting are chosen for Church Warden, John Pine; for Vestrymen, Jona. Smith, Samuel Denton, Daniel Kissing, John Haviland, and ———. These for Hempstead. For Oysterbay—Thomas Jones, Church Warden; Edmund Wright, Isaac Dougherty, Samuel Dickinson, Richard Willis and Nathaniel Coles, Vestrymen.\*—*Records D*, p. 114.

1703, Nov. 8.—William Lawrence met Jacob Wiltse, of Newtown, on the highway, near the late Thomas Lawrence's, and assaulted him with a stake, which he suddenly took up, and smote him with that violence and blows that he broke his arm; under the pain and bruises of which he now languishes. But Lawrence being of His Majesty's Council, Wiltse can get no satisfaction unless he presents him to the Council.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 48.

1704, April 1.—Jamaica grants liberty to John Gale to set up a grist mill, being a tide mill near to or upon the great hamoc, or upon the old town neck, for grinding well the town's corn (before strangers') at all seasonable times, fit for either sifting or bolting; and for the 12th part; and at all times to use his best skill and endeavor to grind as is above expressed; and not to set up a fulling mill on said creek; i. e. on the creek between the old town neck and long neck.

1704, May 8.—A good fulling mill to be sold at Oysterbay, as also a plantation having on it, a large new brick house, barn, stable, etc., a young orchard and twenty acres clear land. Enquire of William Bradford, printer, New York, and know further.—*Boston News Letter*.

1704, May 31.—Tunis Johnson, Derick Johnson Amberman, and Derick Longstreet, fishermen, of Flatlands, were brought prisoners to Jamaica for trespassing in Jamaica Bay by fishing with

\*Oysterbay and Hempstead, by act of Assembly, were constituted one parish.

nets without consent of the freeholders. They were let off on their giving a bond for £100 not to do so again. But in May, 1707, Governor Cornbury ordered them to attend him at Rockaway Beach, with their boats and nets, and bid them, when there, to fish and draw their nets. After Cornbury was out of office (May, 1709) the people of Jamaica sued the fishermen for the penalty of their bond which they had forfeited. The prisoners petition for a release from their bond.—*Col. Mss.*, 49 and 53.

1704, *June 16*.—Arrived in New York, the Rev. Mr. Urquhart, Minister of Jamaica. He came from England in the *Faulkland*, man-of-war; in consequence of the sea being infested with French and Spanish privateers.

1704.—Samuel Clowes, at Jamaica, is fined £5 for selling rum by the small measure, contrary to law, to Mary Denton, who conveyed it to Samuel Mills' tavern.—*Col. Mss.*, 49.

1704, *Oct. 17*.—Major Daniel Whitehead dies, and Jona. Whitehead, his son, is elected to the Assembly in his stead.

1705, *April 9*.—Hard frost last night. It blows hard and cold from the north-west, which, we fear, will do great damage.

1705, *April 23*.—On Wednesday last was tried in Jamaica, by a special commission of Oyer and Terminer and Delivery, before Roger Mompesson, Esq., Chief Justice of New York and New Jersey, one Samuel Wood, late of Connecticut Colony, for stealing money and goods from John Marsh. He was found guilty and sentenced to be burnt in the left cheek near the nose with the letter T.—*Correspondent of the Boston News Letter*.

1705, *May 30*.—John Searing, Sr., John Carle and Thomas Gildersleeve, are chosen by major vote, in answer to an order from the Governor, to repair the Parsonage house and home lot, and fence the Parsonage meadow, so that they may be tenantable, at the town's cost and charge, and to repair the church and what is needful about them all.—*Hempstead Records D*, p. 160.

1705, *Oct. 11*.—Jamaica, on Friday, 5th inst., died here the Rev. Mr. John Hubbard, Pastor of the church in this place, aged 28 years and 9 months wanting four days. He was buried on the 7th.

1705, *July 17*.—Governor Cornbury says woolen manufactures are setting up, and he has seen serge made on Long Island, that any man might wear.

1705, *Oct. 20*.—"Mr. Urquhart is well chosen for the people of Jamaica, and indeed, I think, none fitter than the Scotch Episcopal to deal with Whigs and fanatics of all sorts. Had not Hubbard been allowed to preach, he would have brought them all to the church by this time; but now they resort to a barn that is hard by and will

not pay Mr. Urquhart what is allowed by law, though My Lord Cornbury has given orders for it"—*Talbot in Keith's Journal*.

1705, *Dec. 12*.—William, John, Daniel, and Jona. Lawrence, cut down the fence of William Hallet, Newtown, with axes.

1706, *Jan. 5*.—Thanksgiving day for the success of His Majesty's arms.

1706, *Jan. 7*.—Christmas day was the coldest day ever felt in New York. The Hudson was frozen over and continued fast for several days.

1706, *Jan. 21*.—Extraordinary warm weather for twelve days past.

1706, *July 29*.—Embargo laid on shipping in New York for sixty days; shops shut, no ordinary work to be done, but all must turn out and work on the fortifications. Besides those in the Fort, one hundred cannon are mounted.—*Boston News Letter*.

1706, *Oct. 14*.—Great rains and mighty floods in and about New York.

1707, *Jan. 14*.—At a general town meeting held in Hempstead, according to Act of Assembly, by major vote of the people, John Searing, Captain John Carman, John Treadwell, Jr., Isaac Doty, Sr., Abraham Underhill, Morris Shadbolt and Nathaniel Coles, are chosen Vestrymen for the present year; and Mr. Thomas Jones and Thomas Gildersleeve, Church Wardens.—*Records D*, p. 193.

1707, *Jan. 29*.—So mild a winter never known. All this month, except a day or two, was like March or April.

1707, *Jan. 20*.—At a meeting of the Justices, Church Wardens and Vestry, the Assessors are ordered to assess every free-holder and sojourner in Hempstead and the bounds thereof, to raise the sum of £40 for the minister, £5 for the poor, and £2, 5s. for the Collector's salary.—*Records D*, p. 194.

1707.—Dr. Henry Taylor, of Flushing had his barn burnt.—*Col. Mss.*, 52.

1707, *Jan. 23*.—The Rev. John Hampton, an itinerant minister, preached on Sunday, January 20th, in the Presbyterian church, Newtown, without having first procured a license from Governor Cornbury and also gave notice that Rev. Francis Makemie would officiate there on Wednesday. But Cornbury anticipating them, had them both arrested, as soon as they reached Newtown, by Thomas Cardale, High Sheriff of Queens county, and Stephen Luff, Under Sheriff. They were kept as prisoners on parole, at the houses of two of the neighbors that night. The next day they were led off in a sort of triumph to Jamaica, seven or eight miles out of the direct road, and there kept all day and night. On the 23d, at noon, they got to the Fort in New York. After vexatious delays

they were tried for disseminating doctrines "to the great disturbance of the church as by law established." The jury acquitted them but the Governor had a heavy bill of costs imposed on them, £83, 7s., 6d., which they had to pay before they were set free.—*Narrative of Imprisonment.*

1707, Jan. 26.—On Saturday night, William Hallet, Jr., Esq., of Newtown, his wife and five children, were all inhumanly murdered by an Indian man and negro woman, their own slaves, who were apprehended and confessed the fact. They did it, as is said, because they were restrained from going abroad on Sabbath days. They were executed at Jamaica, Monday, February 2d, and put to all the torments possible for a terror to others of ever attempting the like wickedness. Several other families were destined for the like slaughter, had they succeeded in this without discovery. February 10.—On Saturday last two negro men were also executed at Jamaica, as accessaries to this barbarous murder, and several others are in custody. Our Chief Justice, Judges and Attorney-General, are indefatigable in the discovery of the negro plot and bloody murder, and are still sitting at Jamaica in prosecution thereof.—*Boston News Letter.*

1707, July 7.—A convenient farm between Huntington and Oysterbay, of 3,000 or 4,000 acres, on a neck called Queens Village *alias* Horse Neck—good meadow, well wooded and watered. Ten or twelve rods of fence will enclose the whole. Five hundred acres, more or less, are to hire.—*Boston News Letter.*

1708, Sept. 2.—Divers of the principal inhabitants of Queens County petition the Assembly for a law to repair or build anew the County Hall and common jail. Granted.—*Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 221.

1709, April 5.—John Talman and John Townsend are elected to the Assembly. The return of the latter is unsuccessfully contested by William Lawrence and Thomas Waters. Cornelius Willet, High Sheriff, prays to be re-imbursed his great expenses in defending himself against the groundless complaint of said Lawrence and Waters.—*Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 241.

1709, Nov. 10.—A writ is issued for electing two members of the present Assembly, in the rooms of Mr. John Talman and Captain John Townsend, deceased.—*Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 267.

1710, July 4.—Jona. Everett, brother of John, Sheriff of Queens County, was in New York, at the house of Mr. Cure, victualler, when a difference happened between Everett and one John Harold, a sailor, who violently beat and disfigured Everett so that he came home sick and died on the 16th. Verdict of the Coroner's Jury that he was murdered by Harold, who in the mean time had fled on board one of His Majesty's ships.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 54.

1710, Sept. 12.—James Clements, William Wil-

lis, Thomas Jones, Peter Berrian, and Zachariah Mills, Supervisors of Queens County, pray that a bill may be brought in the Assembly to confirm the purchase of a County Hall and Jail, and to sell the old hall and two jails, and the land between the old and new buildings—the land to run back till it meets the Parsonage lot.—*Ass. Journal*, 1 : 274.

1710, Sept. 13.—An act passed to enable the Supervisors of Queens County to sell the old County Hall and Prisons, and confirm their purchase of new ones. The people of Jamaica pray that they may be supported in their property of the lands on which the gaols and sessions house stood, and the lands between them.—*Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 275-7.

1711, July 9.—The Governor requires the people's houses in Jamaica to be inspected for pork, bacon and other provisions, by Richard Oldfield, who reports 13,615 lbs. wheat flour, 622 bushels wheat and 5,583 lbs. salt meat.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 55.

1711, July 16.—Thomas Whitehead was Captain of a company of Queens County militia, to go on an expedition to Canada. John Lokison was in Captain Jackson's company to go to Albany.—*Col. Mss.*, 55.

1711, July 18.—Several inhabitants of Queens County petition the Assembly that if their apprentices be compelled to go on the Expedition to Canada, their masters may reap the benefit.—*Ass. Jour.*, 4 : 293.

1712, Nov. 4.—Samuel Baylis, Esq., and other inhabitants of Queens County, petition the Assembly to lessen the rewards for killing squirrels, crows or blackbirds and their young ones.—*Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 328.

1716, Aug. 31.—A bill was brought in the Assembly to encourage the destroying of foxes and wild cats on Long Island.—*Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 389.

1712.—Two depositions are sent to Governor Hunter against Jona. Wright, for not paying the "listing" money for the late expedition and using contemptuous language.

1712, May 21, (Wednesday) was Thanksgiving day for deliverance from the negro plot. Mr. Poyer preached at Jamaica from Psalms, 5 : 11.

1713, Nov. 20.—Was buried at the Kills, Newtown, Richard Betts, aged 113 years.—*Poyer's Records.*

1714, May 10.—Sheep-parting at Isaac Smith's, Herricks, for washing and shearing; and on the first Monday in October, when they are to be driven off the Plains.—*Town Records.*

1714, Dec. 20.—On Friday, Deborah Gryce was hanged at Jamaica for murdering her child. After conviction she confessed the fact.—*Cor. of Boston News Letter.*

1715, Jan. 3.—On Friday, a free negro woman was hanged at Jamaica for murdering her child.—*Boston News Letter.*

1718, *Sept. 28*.—Richard Combes, Deputy Constable, having received a warrant with an assessment annexed, to levy the minister's rate, went to the house of Daniel Bull, Jamaica, and demanded his proportion thereof. Bull said he would pay nothing, on which the Constable said he must distrain. Bull immediately took up an axe and swinging it over the constable's head said, in very great haste, he would split his brains if he touched any thing there. Presently Jacobiah Denton came to the window, whom the constable commanded, in the King's name, to assist him, but he laughed and refused to obey. Combes then went up and down town and mustered sixteen or seventeen people, but when he returned he found Bull, William Garman, Samuel and Henry Ludlum, Robert and Hezekiah Denton, and Ephraim Smith, standing before the door with great clubs in their hands, and stripped to their waistcoats, who lifting up their clubs, bid him come if he durst, and gave him a great deal of scurrilous language. Bull then advanced two or three steps from his company towards the constable, and told him if he came one foot forward, he would knock out his brains. The constable then seeing there were twenty or thirty persons in Bull's company walked off and made no distress. It appears that when the constable ordered Robert Denton, Thomas Thurston, Adam Smith and three or four others to aid and assist him, George McNish, the Presbyterian minister, told them not to mind or obey him. The rioters apologized December 18th, and were let off with a fine of £26 10s. — *Doc. His.*, 3, 287.

1720, *Feb. 12*.—Tim Bagley has license to manufacture oil from whales driven ashore on the south coast of Long Island.

1720, *Oct. 28*.—A bill was brought in the Assembly to empower the Justices of Queens County to sell their County House and Jail, in Jamaica, and build another where they shall think most convenient, in said county. — *Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 444.

1721, *Feb. 24*.—This day there was a famous horse race run for £60, between the inhabitants of Queens County and Samuel Bayard, merchant, of New York, where the latter gained but little.

1721, *Sept. 11*.—The distemper among horses continues and spreads on Long Island, and not only horses, but also many neat cattle and hogs are dead.

1722, *Sept. 29*.—John Chandlers is tried for forgery in cheating Moses Furman. His bondsmen were Robert Cranell and Folkert Harman.

1722, *Sept. 29*.—Andrew Gale, Jamaica, is tried for murder. Verdict, not guilty. Witnesses for the King—Phebe Carpenter, Cornelius Loesie, William Johnston, John Mills, Samuel Glows, Richard Oldfield and Nehemiah Smith; for the prisoner—John Carpenter, Gabriel Luff, Daniel Smith, Thomas Thurston, and Abigail Gale. — *Judge Morris's Minutes*.

1722.—Before November 12th, James Loquart, school-master, of Jamaica, had died. His effects were under £50. Rev. George McNish, as chief creditor, was appointed administrator. — *County Records*.

1722, *Nov. 29*.—Ran away from Ezekiel Baldwin, of Hempstead, one Indian man, slave, named Dick, of middle stature, and of a smiling countenance. He speaks English pretty well and no other language, and can read. He has a big nose and has white scratches on his arms and a blue spot on the inside of one of his wrists, a little above his shirt wristbands. He ran away about the beginning of September, and had on a homespun shirt and a dark colored druggist coat. We have been informed that he intended to get into Indian habit. Others tell that he has said he would go toward New London and Rhode Island and so to sea. Whoever can take up said Indian man and secure him, and give notice to his master, so that he can be had again, shall have three pounds reward, besides reasonable charges. — *Amer. Weekly Mercury, Phila.*

1723, *April 2*.—John Baker is chosen whipper for Hempstead and the bounds thereof. — *Records, D, p. 339*.

1723, *May 3*.—Thomas Lynstead, born in England, and of loose religious principles, had taught school at Oysterbay two years, when being detected by Mrs. Albertson in having false money bills, of the denomination of 20s., in his possession, in a stocking, he hung himself in a stable, at Hempstead. A large parcel of these bills, supposed to be printed in Ireland, were afterward found in a hollow tree near Jamaica, and burnt, by order of the Assembly. — *Col. Mss.*, 65, and *Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 640.

1723, *June 25*.—Tim Bagley has a commission as ranger in the Island of Nassau in place of Hicks.

1723, *July 5*.—The Justices of the Peace in Queens County are authorized to repair the gaol and Court House. — *Ass. Journal*, 1 : 499.

1724, *May 20*.—By order of the Supreme Court, Richard Bradley, Attorney-General, prosecuted Colonel Isaac Hicks and Colonel Thomas Willet, Representatives of Queens County, together with all the other Justices of the Peace, for the insufficiency of the County Jail. The House vote it a breach of privilege. Hicks and Willet have leave to go home a few days on extraordinary business. — *Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 501.

1724, *June 11*.—A bill was brought in the Assembly to enable the Justices of the Peace, in Queens County, to finish and complete the gaol and Court House already erected. — *Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 504.

1725, *Sept. 13*.—Mr. Benjamin Hicks is elected to the Assembly, in room of Colonel Thomas Willet, deceased. — *Ass. Jour.*, 1 : 516.

1725, *Dec. 16*.—The house occupied by the

widow Helena Semiss, at Flushing, was accidentally set on fire and all her substance burnt. Loss £60, exclusive of the house, which was not hers. She being aged, petitions the Governor for a license to solicit donations.—*Col. Mss., Vol. 67.*

1726, Dec. 20.—Samuel, a colored man, of Flushing, was executed, at Jamaica, for burglary in that place.

1727, March 10.—Died, Samuel Mills, yeoman, of Jamaica, aged 95 years. He was born in America, and always a very laborious, honest man of very temperate life, and able to do a good day's work but a few days before he died. He left behind him nine children, eighty grand-children, fifty-four great grand-children; and several of the last are marriageable. His wife was delivered of a child when she was 51 years old. He lived sixty-eight years with her, and she is still alive, and has had sixteen children.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1727, Oct. 30.—Last night, between the hours of ten and eleven, we had a small shock of an earthquake, which awaked some people out of their sleep. The same night there were two shocks on Long Island.

1727.—At a Court in New York, December 4th, David Wallace and David Wilson, convicted of a cheat, in passing some counterfeit bills of credit, of New Jersey, are sentenced to stand in the Pillory, on the 12th inst., between the hours of ten and eleven; and then placed in a cart, so as to be publicly seen, with a halter about their necks, and brought to the publick whipping post, and there to receive, the former thirty-nine, and the latter, twenty-eight, stripes; then, after a convenient time, to be taken to the Ferry, and, on the 3d Tuesday in January, to be set in the Pillory, at Flatbush,\* and be whipped as before; then to be conveyed to Jamaica,\* and, on the 4th Tuesday in February, to stand on the Pillory and be whipped as before; then to be served the same in Westchester,\* on the 4th Tuesday in March; after all which Wallace is to be imprisoned six months, and Wilson three months, and then discharged on paying their fees.—*Bradford's N. Y. Gazette.*

1728.—The Jamaica Fair opens Tuesday, May 6th, and continues four days, when there will be exposed to sale a variety of goods, merchandize and several fine horses. It is expected the LION will be there to be seen.—*N. Y. Gaz., No. 131.*

1728, Aug. 9.—Josiah Millikin, of Musketo Cove, periwig maker, denies that he gave any information to the Custom House officers, whereby they were enabled to discover and seize several casks of imported brandy and wine concealed in Captain Walton's cellar.—*N. Y. Gazette, No. 146.*

1728, Dec. 28.—The pleurisy has raged pretty much in these parts and several have died thereof.

\*These being the places where they had passed the counterfeit bills.

1730, Aug. 6.—We hear from Long Island that they have had such very dry weather there that all their grass is burnt up so that they have been forced to fodder their cattle with their first-crop of hay.—*Amer. Mercury.*

1732, Jan. 9.—In and about Jamaica, one hundred and sixty persons have been inoculated for the small pox, and none have died but Foster Waters, who had taken the infection before and fell sick the day after he was inoculated. On the other hand one-half died of those who took it in the natural way.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1732, March 27.—Last week the wife of William Humphreys, of Hempstead, was brought to bed of a daughter, which child's grandfather hath a grand mother yet living, being of that age that she can say: "Grandson, send me your granddaughter, that I may have the pleasure to see of my issue one of the fifth generation."—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1732, May 1.—Notice.—All persons who have any demands on the estate of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Poyer, deceased, late rector of the church at Jamaica, are desired to send their accounts to his widow in order for their being satisfied. Those persons who have borrowed any books of Mr. Poyer, are desired to return them immediately.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1732.—The house where Mr. Poyer lately lived in, at Jamaica, with a lot of land thereto adjoining; his household goods, books, and other things, will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidders, on Monday, the 30th day of May next. [Mr. Poyer, a native of Wales, was over twenty years rector of the church, most of which time was spent in vexatious litigation, either for the salary or possession of the church and parsonage. The church and parsonage cases were finally decided against him. He left a record of his baptisms, marriages and burials. On his voyage to this country he, with his wife Frances, was wrecked on Long Island, about one hundred miles east of Jamaica. His second wife is said to have been a widow Foxcroft, from Boston. His third wife was Miss Sarah Oldfield, of Jamaica, whom he left a widow in destitute circumstances, with several children, of whom little is known, except that his son Daniel went, to England, Thomas, a cordwainer, married Margaret Hicks, of Rockaway, and removed to Fishkill, John married Mary Rhoads, of Jamaica, and removed to New Jersey; Joseph died at the age of five years, and his daughter Sarah married Aaron Van Nostrand. There were many difficulties attendant on settling the early ministers of the Church of England, in this town, as they all came from the old country. The first sent over was the Rev. Patrick Gordon, in 1702, who was taken suddenly ill of a fever he caught in New York, and died in July, at Jamaica, on the very night before the Sunday on which he was to officiate. Mr. James Honeyman, the first Missionary established here for a short time, says: "We have

a church but neither bible nor prayer book, and no clothes for the pulpit or altar. Mr. Urquhart, the first rector here was inducted in August, 1704. He married, at Jamaica, Mary, daughter of Daniel Whitehead, and widow of Thomas Burroughs, and died in 1709. It was his widow (whose daughter Abigail, by a former husband, married the Rev. Benjamin Woolsey, of Oysterbay,) that surrendered the parsonage to the Presbyterians. Mr. Poyer was inducted here July 18th, 1710 and died January 15th, 1732.]

Governor Cornbury writes to Thomas Cardale, High Sheriff of Queens County: "You are hereby required to pay unto Mr. James Honeyman out of the money made of the corn by you collected for the maintenance of the minister of Jamaica, proportionably for the time he has been at Jamaica, according to the allowance made by act of General Assembly; and hereof you are not to fail. Given under my hand and seal at Fort Anne, in New York, July 19th, 1704."

[The minister's rate was often paid in the produce of the farm which was stored, till sold, in a building erected for the purpose, called the town-barn.]

1733, Sept. 4.—James Halstead, tried for burning a barn. Verdict, not guilty.

1733.—On Saturday last, Sept. 15th, was executed at Jamaica, one Edward King, a tinker, as we hear, for the murder of William Smith, on the highway, near Flushing, by giving him a mortal stab in the breast with a knife, of which he instantly died, crying: "Lord! have mercy on my poor soul." The fact was discovered by an Indian, who was in the wood and saw the same committed. Witnesses for the prisoner, Susana Miles, Helena Balsey, and Christopher Farmer; for the King, Sarah Byvank, Adam Lawrence, Jacob Ryder, John Ryder, Jr., Justice Clements, George Reynolds, Edmund Stickling, Samuel Prince, John Bowne, Jr. and Sr., Francis Bloodgood, Hugh Ryder, James Halstead and Mary Cook.—*Court Minutes*.

1733, Oct. 31.—Rhode Island having a boundary dispute with Massachusetts, chose Colonel Isaac Hicks, of Hempstead, and James Jackson, of Flushing, referees, and was so pleased with their conduct therein that the colony voted each of them a silver tankard of the value of £50, with the arms of the colony handsomely engraved thereon, as an acknowledgement of their assistance in endeavoring to reconcile and put an end to the dispute between the two governments.—*Arnold's Hist. Rhode Island*, 2: 112.

1734, April 8.—On Friday last the new erected church, at Jamaica, was opened by the name of Grace Church, and divine service performed therein, for the first time. The minister of the parish, the Rev. Mr. Thomas Colgan, preached a sermon upon the occasion, from Genesis, 28: 16, 17. His Excellency the Governor [Cosby], his lady and

whole family, were pleased to honor the meeting with their presence, and by their very generous benefactions great encouragement was given to a charitable contribution for the finishing and completing so good a work—a work dedicated to the service of God. The militia was under arms to attend His Excellency, and so great a concourse of people met, that the church was not near able to contain the number. After the sermon was ended His Excellency and family, and several gentlemen, ladies and clergy, were very splendidly entertained at the house of Mr. Samuel Clowes, a tavern, in the same town, by the members of the said church.—*Bradford's N. Y. Gazette*.

1734, Sept. 14.—Henry Hinton, Jamaica, is indicted for accidentally shooting Ezekiel Weeks. The Grand Jury return: "We don't know." Whereupon he was discharged.—*Court Minutes*.

1734, Dec. 19.—At Newtown, a negro man slave, named Joe, belonging to William Pettit, cordwainer, and one Jonathan Hunt, was killed by said Pettit. The jury of inquest found by examination that Pettit, with his fist and feet, beat, wounded, kicked and bruised the negro on his head, breast and other parts of his body to that degree that he instantly died thereof, for which Pettit is now in Jamaica jail.

1734, Nov. 1.—At a town meeting it was put to vote, as concerning the moving of the seats out of the old church into the new church; and by the major vote they are to be moved into the new church.—*Hempstead Records*, D, p. 417.

1735.—On Tuesday, April 22d, His Excellency our Governor, with his lady and family, attended by a great many of the principal merchants and gentlemen of the city of New York, set out for Hempstead, to be present at the consecration of the church lately erected there.\* About six miles west of Jamaica he was met by the troops of horse, who escorted him to Jamaica, where a handsome dinner was provided for all the company. In the afternoon he proceeded to Hempstead, escorted as before, where he arrived in the evening, and was entertained in a very handsome manner by the Rev. Robert Jenny, minister of that place. The next day being St. George's day, the regiment of militia and troop being drawn up on either side from Mr. Jenny's house to the church, His Excellency, attended by the most considerable gentlemen of the county, walked to the church where a very excellent sermon was preached on the occasion, before a most crowded audience, by the Rev. Mr. Jenny, from Ps. 84: 1, 2: "How amiable are thy tabernacles," etc. After divine service His Excellency reviewed the regiment of militia and troops standing under arms, and expressed a particular satisfaction on the appearance both of the officers and men. His Excellency was afterwards

\*1735, June 27.—Petition for charter of St. George's Church, Hempstead, read and approved.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 70.

entertained in a splendid manner by Colonel Tredwell, commander of the regiment, and in the evening by Colonel Cornwell, at Rockaway, in the same manner. The next day he returned and arrived in town in good health, pleased with the reception he everywhere met with from all ranks, with the extraordinary concourse of people from all parts, on the occasion, and with the handsome appearance of the militia both horse and foot.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1735, June 27.—Petitioners for a Patent of Incorporation of the church at Hempstead.—*Col. Mss.*, 70 : 131.

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| Balden, George,        | Marvin, Robert,     |
| Clowes, Gerhardus,     | Mitchell, Jacamiah, |
| Cornell, William, Jr., | Mott, Joseph,       |
| Cornell, Thomas, Jr.,  | Peters, Charles,    |
| Cornell, John, 2,      | Pine, James, Sr.    |
| Cornell, Richard, Jr., | Roe, John,          |
| Cornell, William,      | Smith, Peter, Jr.,  |
| Germon, Isaac,         | Smith, Timothy,     |
| Gildersleeve, Thomas,  | Smith, Peter,       |
| Gildersleeve, George,  | Smith, Jacob,       |
| Hewlett, Daniel,       | Smith, Joseph,      |
| Hugins, James,         | Smith, Titus,       |
| Jenney, Robert, Rev.,  | Sutton, Robert,     |
| Langdon, Joseph,       | Thorn, Joseph,      |
| Lee, Thomas,           | Williams, Thomas,   |
| Langdon, William,      |                     |

1735, Sept. 2.—Samuel Weeks, Sr. and Jr., of Oysterbay, are indicted for pulling down and robbing the house of James Halstead.

1735, Sept. 2.—Jacob Lewis, of Oysterbay, is tried for altering the mark and stealing steers off the Common.

1735, Nov. 7.—Colonel Hicks presented to the Assembly a petition from Queens County which attributed the decay of trade in the colony and the lessening of the price of land in Queens County, in a great measure, to the long continuance of the Assembly. That body vote the charge to be both unjust and audacious.—*Ass. Journal*, 1 : 687.

1736, March 8.—Last Thursday night, about ten or eleven o'clock, the house of Benjamin Lawrence, of Flushing, was burnt to the ground, and nothing of his goods saved. The man and woman had been abroad about their affairs, and at that time, the man coming home saw the house all in a flame and ran in and pulled his four small children out of their bed and threw them naked upon the snow, and attempted to fetch out some of his goods, but the fire was so far advanced that he could not get the least rag to cover his children's nakedness, to keep them from the piercing cold of that night, but all was burnt. The same day Thomas Willets had occasion to drive his cattle over a creek on the ice, which breaking in he lost eight cows.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1736, March 31.—The widow of Thomas Parmyter, offers for sale her farm, with pleasant garden, at Whitestone, opposite Frog's Point. It has

twenty acres of clay ground fit for making tobacco pipes. For sale, also, two negro slaves, with utensils and other conveniences for carrying on that business.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1736, Sept. 27.—On the 6th inst., the house, warehouse, and all the goods and merchandizes of Mr. John Foster, at Flushing, at midnight, were consumed to ashes, and little or nothing saved but his books and papers and the scripture which they were in. Loss computed at £2,000. It is feared it was done by some malicious person.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1737.—Pew-holders in Grace Church, Jamaica : Betts, Richard, Richard, Jr.; Bridges, Timothy; Clark, Andrew; Clowes, Samuel, Samuel, Jr.; Colgan, Thomas; Furman, Robert; Howell, Robert; Luff, Gabriel; Poyer, Sarah, *gratis*; Reynolds, George; Sawyer, Daniel; Smith, Samuel; Steed, William; Taylor, Benjamin; Thorne Benjamin; Van Hook, Isaac; Waters, Anthony; Welling, William; Whitehead, Benjamin and Daniel; Willet, Edward; Willets, John; Wiggins, William and Silas; Wright Henry; Young, Guy. Also see Doc. His., 3 : 324, for twenty-one petitioners for a charter.

1737, April 25.—Vast losses have been sustained in this colony and those adjacent by the death of cattle for the want of fodder, and many persons have been almost ruined thereby. We hear from Long Island that 5,000 head of cattle have been lost this winter (of which eight hundred and fifty died in the town of Hempstead) besides sheep and lambs innumerable.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1737, June 2.—At an election in Queens County, for two members of the General Assembly, held at Jamaica, the candidates and votes were as follows : Colonel Isaac Hicks, 432; David Jones, Esq., 390; Captain Benjamin Hicks, 342, and Thomas Alsop, Esq., 287. The first two named were chosen, and treated the electors very handsomely. Two things were very remarkable at this election. One was that the Quakers, who used formerly to stick together as one man, were divided. The other that two old widows tendered and were admitted to vote; and it is said these two old ladies will be chosen constables for the next year.

1737, Dec. 12.—Dorcas, *alias* Tabitha, wife of Peter Buckhout, of Newtown, is eloped from her husband's bed and board. Merchants, shopkeepers and others are desired not to trust her.—*Zenger*.

1738.—Saturday, July 19th, then broke out of Jamaica Gaol, William Wiggins, 50 years old, of a long visage, and short gray hair, very talkative and stammers. He had on an old home-spun coat and jacket, old sheepskin breeches and broad brimmed beaver hat. Also, Amos Langdon, slow of speech, a weaver, aged 30, who had on an old gray worsted coat, double breasted camblet jacket, snuff-colored, old leather breeches, gray homespun

stockings, dog-skin shoes, and a narrow brimmed beaver hat, half worn. £10 reward, and charges for the former, and £3 for the latter, are offered by George Reynolds, Under Sheriff.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1738.—James Jones offers at public vendue, July 26th, to the highest bidders, a farm, at Whitestone, (late Parmyter's) of fifteen acres, with garden and orchard, a pleasant seat on the Sound for a gentleman, or a store; also, a large quantity of pipe-maker's clay, tools for making pipes, some negroes, a new chaise and a good horse to draw it, a pleasure boat well fitted, household goods and other things.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1738, Dec. 12.—On Wednesday, at 11 o'clock at night, we felt an earth quake. The first sense was like a strong gale of wind, which increased till it resembled the noise of coaches swiftly driven. We had one single shock, and after a few seconds a violent tremor of upwards of a minute. It moved from west to east. Some houses on Long Island were somewhat damaged, but as yet we have heard of no considerable damage.

1740, June 23.—There are to be raised in America, three thousand men, to form thirty companies, of one hundred men each. The captains, second-lieutenants and ensigns of which, are to be appointed by the Governors of the several Provinces, but the first-lieutenants are to come from England. The general rendezvous is appointed by His Majesty to be on Hempstead Plains, where they are to encamp. These forces are destined for the expedition against the territories of the Catholic King, in the West Indies.—*Boston News Letter.*

1740, Sept. 2.—Samuel Baldwin, of Hempstead, is presented to the Grand Jury for offering money to the Sheriff to get such a jury as he should name, for Urias Haft, of Oysterbay.

1740, Oct. 13.—Richard Combs was hanged for felony and burglary. The Court ordered the money and stolen goods to be returned to Benjamin Hinchman, Jamaica. [Witnesses (for the King) Benjamin Hinchman, Anthony Walters, George Reynolds, Richard Cole, Thomas Walton and Joseph Smith.]

1741, Feb. 5.—There is a great scarcity in Boston. Maryland and Long Island wheat is offered for sale at the Boston Mills, at 22s. per bushel, for bills of credit of any currency except Manufactory or Land Bank Bills.

1741, Feb. 23.—By our accounts from the country, the people hereabouts are in so great want of fodder for their cattle in several places that four cows are given to have one returned in May, and that the cold has been so severe that even deer, squirrels and birds, have been found frozen to death. Great quantities of sheep have perished. Wood sold this day for 40s. per cord.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1741, July 29.—Charles Campbell (now of Jamaica) offers for sale the plantation late of Theo-

dorus V. Wyck, at the head of Great Neck, close by the river or sound, twenty miles from New York, and a mile from the landing. It contains two hundred and seven acres (of which fifty is wooded), bears wheat and cuts sixty loads of hay, and is well watered with brooks and springs. On it is a house, three stories high, milk-house and two large orchards.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1741, Sept. 1.—The negro slaves in New York were suspected of a plot to set fire to the city and kill the whites, with a view of gaining their freedom. A large number was executed. It was supposed the Long Island negroes were to join those of New York, and some arrests were made. Among others, Johannes Hardenburgh's *Will*, Justice Willet's *Robin*, and John Dorland's *Jack*—all of Jamaica. The evidence against them amounted only to this, that *Will* said to *Robin* "What think you of Corlears Hook or the plot?" "D—n it," replied *Robin*, "I'll have nothing to do with it or to say to it. If they (the slaves) will put their fingers in the fire they must feel the pain; let them go on and prosper." For this their masters were obliged to enter into recognizances for their appearance at the Queens County Oyer and Terminer, when they were discharged. In Kings County, Christopher Godwise's *Jack* and Cambridge, and Israel Horsefield's *Cesar*, and Timothy Horsefield's *Guise* were also arrested on a charge of conspiracy. *Cesar* was sentenced to be transported to Cape Francois, and *Guise* to St. Thomas. Doctor Harry, a negro slave of Mr. J. Meserole, was sentenced to be burnt to death, on the 18th of July.

1741, Oct. 14.—Joseph Smith and Nathaniel Pearsall having lain in Jamaica jail several years, for debt, petition the Assembly for relief. They alledge that their creditors are inexorable, although they have offered to give up all their property.—*Ass. Journal*, 1: 814.

1741, Nov. 13.—The ferry boat of Major Thomas Jones, of Oysterbay, was upset in the Sound, and himself, his negro, three men and one woman, who were passengers, with six horses, were all drowned.

1743, Feb. 21.—At Musketo Cove, a sheep was killed last week which weighed one hundred and fifty-two pounds. Fine mutton doubtless!

1743, June 20.—We are here very much infested with caterpillars and worms of an uncommon kind, which have done abundance of mischief about New York, in one farm especially, where they have destroyed a field of barley upwards of a mile in length. What the issue of it will be, God only knows; for we hear they are numerous in several parts of the country.

1744, Jan. 9.—A comet was seen the beginning of last week in the west, and may be seen from sunset till midnight. Feb. 27.—The comet, so much talked of lately, is now got, to our appear-

ance, a small distance before the sun, and appears very bright at its rising. On Saturday it was seen here almost all day.—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1744, *June 11.*—The earthquake at Boston, Sunday, 3d inst., was felt by many persons in New York and on Long Island, but nothing so violent as 'twas said to be there.—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1744, *July 2.*—A Proclamation of War against France was published in New York.

1745, *May 6.*—To be sold, the corner house where Samuel Clowes now lives, in Jamaica, with several out-houses, a garden of an acre of ground, together with about ninety acres of very good land near adjoining; being a place very conveniently situated for any public business.—*Postboy.*

1745, *May, 20.*—Twenty shillings and charges. Run away, April 20th, from Joseph Hawkshurst, Oysterbay, a negro man Tom, aged twenty-six, middle stature and poek-fretten. He had an old beaver hat, red duffils jacket, ozenbriggs shirt and blue breeches. He is much given to drink.—*Postboy.*

1745, *Nov. 13.*—At night the horse of the Rev. David Brainerd, the Indian Missionary, who was attending Presbytery, at Newtown, was stolen from him.—*Journal.*

1746, *March 5.*—The small pox is said to prevail in the country about Jamaica.

1746, *April 25.*—In the act for raising the sum of £13,000, for further fortifying the colony of New York and for cancelling the Bills of Credit, the Quota of Queens, was £487,9,5; of Kings, £254,18; of Suffolk, £433,6,8, yearly for three years.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 109.

1746 *June*—Jona. Lawrence, of Queens County, and James Fanning, of Suffolk, have liberty to raise recruits for the war in Canada. In July Fanning had one hundred men mustered, of whom Hempstead sent seventy-eight, and Jamaica twenty-two, under Capt. Wraxall.

1746, *June 9.*—Embargo on shipping from New York.

1746, *July, 31.*—A day of solemn Thanksgiving for the late victory by His Majesty's arms, under the conduct of the Duke of Cumberland over the rebels, near Culloden, in North Britain.—*Post Boy.*

1746, *Aug. 11.*—Five complete companies of the force raised in New York and on Long Island, for the expedition against the Canada border, are now embarked, for Albany on their way to the place of rendezvous.

1746, *Oct. 22.*—Richard Brown [Oysterbay?] tried for murder. Verdict, not guilty. [Witnesses (for the King) Mary Frost, Sarah and Mary Tiller, Derick Albertson and Benjamin Carpenter; (for the prisoner) Joseph Coles, Jacob Valentine, Wright Frost, Thomas Kirby and Richard Lattin.]

1746, *Nov. 29.*—The account of Adam Lawrence, Sheriff of Queens County, for receiving, lodging and attending eight French prisoners, from June 3d to July 14th, was. £22,19,3.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 140.

1747, *Feb. 2.*—On Tuesday last, at Musketo Cove, Dennis Lawrence, a young man of fair character, an apprentice to Captain Walton of New York, and Thomas Brooks, a laborer, were both unhappily poisoned by taking a spoonful of ratsbane by mistake, for flour of brimstone, to cure the itch.—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1747, *Feb. 9.*—We have had a long series of cold, freezing weather—rivers full of ice. Wood is scarce and dear, as was never equalled before; 40s. to 58s. per cord, and half the inhabitants in want. A good turkey brings 5s; (former price was 3s. 6d.) a fat fowl, 1s. 6d.; butter, 14d. What must our poor suffer!—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1747, *Oct. 26.*—John Bowne and Matthew Franklin offer for sale the whole estate of Benjamin Burling, deceased. A grist mill with three pair of stones, and screen to clean the wheat, a bolting mill that goes by water, with conveniences to hoist meal and wheat with ease—for all which there is water enough, and for near so many more, all in good order. Also, a large boat suitable to tend the mills. Also, 58 acres of very good land and meadow, with dwelling house and orchard thereon, and a house near the mill for the miller to live in, at Flushing town landing; extraordinary convenient for a tradesman. Also, horses, cattle, household goods, utensils for husbandry, a large quantity of English and salt hay.—*Postboy.*

1747.—The Jamaica Lottery will be drawn on November 10th, in Queens County Hall, in the presence of three or more Justices of the peace, and such other persons as the adventurers may nominate. The managers, Jacob Ogden and Samuel Clowes give their trouble *gratis*. There are one thousand three hundred tickets, at 8s. each, equal to £520. From each prize 12½ per cent. will be deducted for purchasing a bell for Grace Church.—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1747, *Nov. 16.*—Derick Brinckerhoff offers for sale, a very good plantation of two hundred and forty acres, on the road from Flushing to Jamaica, three miles from Flushing town landing, and two miles from Jamaica. The house has two rooms on the floor, with a leanto and kitchen thereto annexed, a new barn, cedar shingled, wagon-house, sheep-house, a good orchard of two hundred and fifty trees of divers sorts of fruits, pretty garden spot—all in stone fence. A spot of ground in the rear produces forty loads of hay.—*Postboy.*

1747, *Nov. 17.*—The account of Lieutenant James Thorn, of Colonel Hicks' Regiment for Queens County, for forty-four days service of himself and men, in the fort at Schenectady, was £113,19,6.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 200.

1747, Nov. 17.—The bill of the Sheriff of Westchester County for lodging and victualling some militia from Queens and Suffolk County, in May and June, 1746, when on their way to Albany, was £43,14.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2:200.

1747, Nov. 17.—The account of Adam Lawrence, late Sheriff of Queens County, for lodging and victualling twenty-eight French prisoners, from September 27th, 1746, to February 6th, was £122,14,6.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2:200.

1748, May 16.—John Thorne, at the White-stone, offers for sale a convenient situation for trade, where the Ferry is now kept, one hundred and three acres of land, a good orchard of six acres, two acres of interval land cleared for mowing, dwelling-house forty by twenty feet, with stone cellar, and a barn and bolting-house together.—*Postboy*.

1748, June 10.—*Twenty shillings reward*.—Ran away from William Rogers, Oysterbay, an Irish servant lad, Henry McQueede, eleven years old and much freckled; had on a blue jacket, check shirt and leather breeches.—*Postboy*.

1748-9.—Nicholas Barrington was school-master at Flower Hill [Manhasset]; but in 1757 he was in New York where he taught youth to write the usual hands, arithmetic in both kinds, with the extraction of the roots, as, also, navigation and merchants' accounts, after the Italian manner. He also performed writings for gentlemen.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1749, Jan. 26.—Some time ago died in Hempstead, Colonel Thomas Hicks, aged ninety years, who left behind him, of his own offspring, above three hundred children, grand children, great-grand children and great-great-grand children. Also, at Newtown, Jacob Blackwell, aged fifty-two years. He was six feet two inches high and weighed, three years before his death, four hundred and thirty-nine pounds, and by all appearance increased much more before he died. How much is not known, because, though often solicited, he would not consent to be weighed a second time.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1749, Feb. 25.—About twelve o'clock last night, was heard at Jamaica, two or three terrible and most surprising claps of thunder, which seemed to shake the earth and terrified some women so much that they fainted away. The lightning fired the barn of Jonah Rhodes, which was soon consumed to ashes, and with it certain quantities of English hay, wheat, rye, flax, six shoats, twenty-six ewes, and lambs, a fine mare and many utensils of husbandry. Loss £80. Three barns built on the same spot have been burned within a few years, one by accident and two by lightning.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1749, March 8.—The common topics of discourse at Jamaica, since the coming of Mr. John Bonnin, are entirely changed. Instead of the common chat nothing is scarce mentioned now but

the most entertaining parts of Europe, which are represented so vividly in Mr. Bonnin's curious Prospects. He proposed to tarry there but one week, but his lectures and views have been so satisfactory that crowded concourses of people are daily spectators. He carries another week but designs for Flushing on Saturday next, and Hempstead on Saturday after.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1749, June 19.—Next Thursday will be a public Thanksgiving in this colony for the late glorious peace.—*Postboy*.

1749, July 3.—*Reasonable rewards*.—Run away from William and Benjamin Hawkshurst, Oysterbay, a negro man, Tom, a middle size yellow fellow, pretty well clothed, and took a horse.—*Postboy*.

1749, Aug. 21.—Fulling, dyeing, shearing and pressing of homespun cloth, taking spots and stains out of broad cloth, druggets, silks, etc., is done at Whitehead's mill, (so called) at Jamaica, by an excellent workman lately from Europe. Cloth may be left at Derrick Remsen's, Flatlands; William Furman's, Newtown, and Richard Titus's, north side of the great Hempstead Plains.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1749, Sept. 25.—*£3 Reward and charges*.—Ran away from John Betts, Jamaica, a mulatto fellow, Isaac, aged 24, had on a very good head of hair, felt hat, brown coat, linen vest and breeches, blue yarn stockings and good shoes.—*Postboy*.

1749, Dec. 4.—The best sort of Newtown pippins to be sold cheap, by the ton or barrel, in the best order for shipping. Enquire of the printer hereof.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1750, June 4.—On Friday last there was a great horse race on Hempstead Plains, which engaged the attention of so many of the city of New York that upwards of seventy chairs and chaises were carried over Brooklyn ferry the day before, besides a far greater number of horses. The number of horses on the plains, it was thought, far exceeded one thousand.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1750, Sept. 3.—On Monday last, came on the election of members of Assembly for Queens County. Upon the close of the poll the vote stood, for Mr. Jones, (late speaker) 452; Thomas Cornell, 477; Judge Hicks, 293; David Seaman, 288.—*Postboy*.

1750, Sept. 28.—The account of John Van Wyck, Sheriff of Queens County for receiving, lodging and victualling sixty-three French and Spanish prisoners of war, from June 11th, 1748, to July 10th; and for transporting them from Flushing to New York, July 11th, was £94,4.—*Ass. Journal*, 2:300.

1750, Dec. 10.—On Tuesday last were brought to New York market, four quarters of a calf, eight months old, which weighed four hundred and seventeen pounds neat. Skin and tallow, one hun-

dred and two pounds neat. It was raised by Benjamin Waters of Newtown.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1751, May 13.—Any person desirous, may be supplied with vases, urns, flower-pots, etc., to adorn gardens and tops of houses; or any other ornament made of clay, by Edmond Annely, at White-stone, he having set up the potter's business by means of a German family that he bought, who are supposed by their work to be the most ingenious that ever arrived in America. He has clay capable of making eight different sorts of ware.

1752, Feb. 15.—Yesterday came on our election, at Jamaica, for Representatives, when, notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the Court party in meetings and entertainments in all corners of Queens County, assisted by Tom Plain, Zachariah and the rest of the hireling tribe, our two late members, Jones and Cornell, carried the election by a very great majority, and thus I am persuaded it will be, should we have an election every month in the year, for we are determined not to be worried out, and we know our interest too well to be deceived either by paper or parchment.—*Post-boy*.

1752, Nov. 20.—Last Thursday morning Nathaniel Lloyd, a young gentleman of Long Island, with two other young men from Boston, going in a boat to his brother's, at Long Island, overset and all were drowned.

1752, Dec. 18.—All persons in Oysterbay having a right in Hempstead Plains will please make it appear unto John Dornon, John Birdsall, John Foster, Jacob Smith, Esq., Richard Ellison, Jr., and John Williams, who are a committee to lay it out.—*Postboy*.

1753, May 7.—On Thursday last as Samuel Doughty, of Flushing, was riding on horseback near Westchester, his horse casually stumbled and bruised him so dangerously by falling on him that his life was then despaired of.

1753, May 30.—The General Assembly met at the Court House, in Jamaica, as being free from small pox, which then prevailed in New York, but finding it an inconvenient place to sit in, they adjourned to Benjamin Hinchman's. The Governor and Council sat at the Widow Stillwell's and Thomas Braine's [now Dr. Shelton's].

1753, June 23.—Sundry people of Queens County complain of the extravagant demands of the Excise officers and of their common custom of selling the excise to many persons unable and unfit to keep public houses of entertainment.—*Ass. Jour*, 2: 345.

1753, July 2.—Was paid Benjamin Hinchman for the use of his house, for providing a table for the Assembly, and hire of horses for the messengers from Jamaica to New York, £10.4.—*Jour*, 2: 349.

1753.—The people of Hempstead complain that persons take up and destroy their clams for the sake of the shells to make merchandize of.—*Records E.*, p. 218, 219.

1754, Jan. 27.—Last Monday morning, the weather being uncommonly pleasant and warm, many people were induced to go into Jamaica Bay for Oysters, clams, etc.; but about noon such a severe gale of wind arose from the northwest with a sudden change from warm to cold as was scarce ever known here, when all the small craft put off to gain the shore in the best manner they could. A number of canoes and petty augers came on shore at a point of meadow south of Jamaica, and, with the utmost difficulty, the people belonging to them traveled up to a house two miles from the place of landing. All got safe to the house though much benumbed and several speechless, except Daniel Smith, a young man, who perished on the meadows, half a mile from the house. His companions not being able to help him any further, having dragged him a mile after he lost the use of his feet. The same day the crews of two canoes, in Jamaica Bay, consisting of eight people, from Newtown, not returning at night were sought for next day, but the ice being so thick it was impracticable to go far in quest of them until Friday, when one canoe was found driven on an island of sedge in which were found the bodies of Samuel Leveridge, Amos Roberts, William Salier and Thomas Morrel, alias Salier—all frozen to death; the steersman sitting in an erect posture at the helm. The three former were married men leaving distressed families behind them. To-day another canoe was seen but could not be come at by reason of the ice, in which, it is supposed, are the other four missing persons—one white man servant and three valuable negroes. Several people have also been miserably frozen at Hempstead South, who were out the same night but we can't learn that any have died though some are thought to be in great danger.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1754, Feb. 4.—Last week a small whale, twenty feet long, was towed up to New York by a sand boat from Rockaway, where it was found floating near the shore by some clammers. This, and one much larger, was killed by some whalers off Sandy Hook a fortnight ago but were driven to sea by hard weather. A year ago two whales were struck south of the Highlands.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1754, March 18.—Last week was brought to New York and killed, two young steers of but five years old, raised and fatted by Richard Thorne of Hempstead bounds. They were extremely fat, and, with an allowance for their age, one was supposed to equal, if not exceed, the large ox killed in Philadelphia; the four quarters of it weighing with the tallow, 1,224 lbs.—*Postboy*.

1754, May 7.—At Flushing, and several other

\*Perhaps the shells were burnt for lime.

places on Long Island, a very hard shower of hail fell which did incredible damage. Many fields of rye were ruined and an abundance of glass windows broke. The hail stones were as large as pigeons' eggs.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1754.—On the evening of the 4th September, a negro man, Tom, middle stature, pock-broken, belonging to Benjamin Hawkshurst, Cold Spring, was discovered carrying away from his master's mills, a bag of Indian meal to sell it. Wheupon he left. It is supposed he has been instrumental to wrong his master to a considerable value. Whoever takes him up may depend on being well rewarded. He was brought up in the city and can work at the baking business.—*Postboy*.

1755.—Samuel Rodman had a ferry from Pelham to Hempstead Harbor, and to Mattagarison's bay.—*Gaz. of N. Y.*

1755, Feb. 11.—For putting the colony in a state of defence, the quota of Queens was £500; of Kings, £240; of Suffolk, £430.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 435.

1755, Feb. 20.—Josiah Martin, of Hempstead township, [Hyde Park?] complained to the Governor that Justice Joseph Kissam had entertained a complaint made by Benjamin Doughty, that Quamina, a negro slave of said Martin, had some time last spring broken in Richard Cornell's smoke-house [Success?] and stolen some of his gammons. The negro was, however, acquitted, but brought up a second time on a charge of receiving two gammons from another negro who had received two more and sold them. One Moore, it was said, had bought some also, but he denied it under oath. Quamina having threatened the witness who swore against him, Kissam ordered twenty-five lashes to be inflicted on his bare back. William Algeo's store, having been robbed of sundry goods, linens, sugar and rum, he suspected some idle disorderly persons there and got out a search warrant, but found nothing. Quamina, being an old convicted thief, was among the suspected, and his master's house (in his absence) searched. Quamina, on being again seized and threatened, attempted suicide. Kissam presented to the Governor several numerously signed certificates, embracing most of the householders of what is now North Hempstead. The complaint was probably dismissed.—*Col. Mss.*, 80: 23, 37.

1755, June 19.—This has been the longest season of dry weather ever known throughout the English part of this continent. The crop of wheat and rye is well nigh perished and cannot exceed half a crop. There is not flax enough to produce the seed sown. Hay, oats Indian corn, and all other fruits of the earth have the same appearance, and if it continues dry a few days longer all will have gone. It is said several congregations in this and the neighboring governments have set aside days of fasting and prayer that Heaven may avert the impending danger.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1755, Aug. 18.—William Keese, boatman, of Flushing, offers to supply persons in New York with live stock.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1755, Sept. 24.—This day one thousand and fifteen sheep, collected in three days in Queens County, were delivered at New York ferry to be sent to Albany by water, which were cheerfully given for the use of the army, now at or near Crown Point. While their husbands, at Great Neck, were employed in getting sheep, the good mothers in that neighborhood, in a few hours, collected nearly seventy good large cheeses and sent them to New York to be forwarded with the sheep to the army. The people of Kings County propose to raise money to defray the expenses of transporting these sheep and cheese to Albany.\*—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1755, Oct. 10.—General William Johnson writes to Messrs. Jones and Cornell, Representatives of Queens County:—"A few days ago I received a letter from Schuyler and Depeyster, at Albany, acquainting me that you had sent to them sixty-nine cheeses and two hundred sheep, being part of one thousand raised in Queens County as a present to this army, and which they have forwarded to me. This letter was read at a council of war, consisting of all the field officers in this camp. The most equitable division hath been made of this generous and public spirited present, which we could follow. Though cattle and a few sheep had been sent by some of the Provinces to their troops, yet your sheep were very seasonable and highly beneficial to the army in general. Your cheeses were highly acceptable and reviving, for unless among some of the officers it was food scarcely known among us. This generous humanity of Queens County is unanimously and gratefully applauded by all here. We pray that your benevolence may be returned to you by the Great Shepherd of human kind a hundred fold; and may those amiable housewives, to whose skill we owe the refreshing cheeses long continue to shine in their useful and endearing stations. I beg, gentlemen, that you will accept of and convey to your generous county my grateful and respectful salutations for their seasonable beneficence to the army under my command."

1755, Nov. 24.—On Tuesday morning last, at four o'clock, an earthquake, of three minutes was sensibly felt by the inhabitants of Oysterbay, Newtown, Jamaica and Flushing.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1755, Dec. 15.—From Jamaica, we hear advice of the death of Rev. Thomas Colgan, Rector of the church, a gentleman much esteemed by his acquaintance.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1755, Dec. 29.—James Wilson, dyer, New York, offers for sale two good houses in a pleasant, healthy situation, in the town spot of Flushing, opposite the English church, with garden barn, stable,

\*£57.6,7 were paid for the freight of these sheep to Albany.

orchard and thirteen acres of land. Enquire of Nathaniel Tom, living-nigh.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1756, Jan. 25.—Thomas Thorne, Mosquito Cove, offers for sale, a dwelling, stable and orchard, with ten acres of land and swamp, and a parcel of fine locust trees, opposite Captain Walton's. There is a spring before the door. It is convenient for a tavern-keeper or tradesman.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1756, Jan. 26.—David Algeo offers for sale his plantation of over two hundred acres, cleared and all in good fence, four miles from Hempstead, on the north side of the plains and about two miles on said plain. It has a fine young bearing orchard of above two hundred apple trees, a house with four rooms and fire-places on a floor, smoke-house, kitchen and cellar under the whole, store-house and chaise-house, good mowing ground, and a barn fifty-six by forty-three feet.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1756, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Frances Willett offers for sale her farm of one hundred and eighty acres, north side of the great plains, adjoining Colonel Josiah Martin's to the eastward, and Adam Lawrence to the westward. It has a good dwelling-house, kitchen and dairy, two flower and a kitchen gardens, two shingled barns, smoke-house, corn crib and hovel for cattle.

The above said Mrs. Willett has for sale at her store, Wall street, New York, good St. Kitts rum, by the hogshead, at the lowest market price.—*Postboy*.

1756.—Run away from his bail, Benjamin Hawkshurst, at Oysterbay, March 16th, John Collins, middle size, tawny, of Indian breed, an indentured servant as security for a £40 debt. He was enlisted in Capt. Higgins' company of battoe men, but discharged, and now secretes himself. 20s. reward if taken in New York, and £3 if taken as far as Albany.—*Postboy*.

1753, June 3.—Sundry inhabitants of Oysterbay, of the Church of England, have by voluntary contributions and charitable assistance of others, erected a church there, but being few they are unable to finish it, and pray the Assembly to be allowed to raise £500 by Lottery to complete it and buy a bell.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 338.

1753, June 4.—Gov. Clinton resided during the summer at Flushing on account of the small pox being in the city.

1753, June 18.—Edmond Annely offers for sale his place, at Whitestone. It has a stone house, wharf, garden, gravelled walks, asparagus-beds, flowering shrubs, etc.—*Postboy*.

1754, Aug 12.—John Woolley petitions for the privilege, across the Sound to Westchester, of a ferry from the head of Hempstead Harbor to Matagarisons Bay.

1756, April 5.—A steer, of the age of two years, eight months and a half, bred by Colonel Benjamin Treadwell, of Great Neck, was killed

three weeks ago, in this city, whose four quarters weighed eight hundred and fifty pounds, and the fat, exclusive of the kidneys, one hundred and twenty-three pounds.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1756, May 1.—A Proclamation for a fast on account of earthquakes throughout the colonies.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 82.

1756, May 17.—Captain Hugh Wentworth sells linseed oil at 5s. a gallon by the cask; at his Mills, Flushing.

1756.—Friday, May 21, is to be religiously observed in this Province as a day of public Fast and Humiliation.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1756, May 24.—In the hard gust we had yesterday sennit, a boat, with three negroes, who had been fishing in Flushing Bay, and near the Two Brothers, overset, and two negroes were drowned; one the property of Barnardus Ryder, the other of Benjamin Fowler. The third saved his life by holding to the mast till he was taken off by a boat that went to him.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1756, May 24.—On Saturday last, Captain Williams, of Oysterbay, came to New York, on his way to the North, with a company of stout men who will be reviewed this day by our Governor.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1756, June 28.—Ran away from Henry Allen Great Neck, Licum, a mulatto fellow, walks stooping, has a down look, black curled hair, well set; had a felt hat, brown tow-shirt and trowsers, brown jacket with blue worsted lining, one shirt of Irish linen, broad cloth breeches. Forty shillings and charges will be paid to any one who shall secure him in His Majesty's jails.—*Postboy*.

1756.—£21 Reward.—Deserted, June 28th, from Captain Gilbert Potter's company, Chester Wanser, aged thirty-one, of a surly countenance, round shouldered, heavy gait; John Bambus, an Indian fellow, aged twenty-seven; and Samuel Lang, a negro, aged twenty-four—all of Oysterbay. Also, Charles Poewagen, an Indian, of Brookhaven. They all had on New York regimentals and carried off four of the King's arms with bayonets and cartouch boxes.—*Postboy*.

1756, July 1.—The Justices of Kings, Queens and Suffolk Counties are empowered to bind out the neutral French from Nova Scotia, who are distributed in said counties.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 494.

1756.—Jamaica, July 7th. About six o'clock last Sunday afternoon, we had the most violent hurricane that, perhaps, was ever seen in this part of North America. It began near Hell-gate on the north side, and run in a straight course across the Island to the south, being about fifteen miles in length, and not exceeding eighty rods in breadth, making incredible havoc, destroying almost every thing in its way. The largest oak and hickory trees were not able to withstand its violence, but were surprisingly torn up by the roots,

split into innumerable pieces and many large limbs of several hundred weight, carried into open fields near half a mile's distance from the woods. Several houses are damaged, six barns destroyed, upwards of eight hundred bearing apple trees blown down, near eighty acres of excellent timber (a scarce article, of late, among us) entirely ruined, and several lengths of fence blown down and broken. A grind stone, near Captain Langdon's in Newtown, of upwards of one hundred and fifty pounds weight, was removed by the force of the wind, with the frame it was fixed on, twelve or fifteen feet, and thrown into his garden. An iron chimney-back was also removed several feet from the place it stood on. Captain Langdon's barn was shattered into innumerable pieces. Many large timbers and boards were carried to an incredible distance. The iron hinges of the doors, weighing several pounds, were found a quarter of a mile from the place where the barn had stood. Large showers of limbs of trees, shingles, leaves, etc., fell in some places near a mile from the course of the wind. Two apple trees were removed whole, with a great quantity of earth sticking to their roots, upwards of thirty rods. The utmost extent of the hurricane's duration did not exceed half a minute. Captain Betts, at Jamaica, is thought to be the greatest sufferer, having lost near two hundred choice apple trees, one barn entirely gone and another much damaged, near fifteen acres of good timber land laid waste, besides fences, etc., computed at £300. The whole damage, at a moderate computation, amounts to between £2,000 and £3,000.

Doubtless some persons will be surprised, and others ridicule this relation, especially the account of the grind stone and chimney-back; but it is to be hoped such will suspend their judgments until they are certified of the truth thereof, by persons of the greatest veracity who were eye-witnesses to the above facts, and many more as surprising, but too tedious to be here enumerated."—*Cor. of N. Y. Mercury.*

1756, July 19.—£3 Reward and charges.—Deserted from Captain Thomas Williams' company, in the service of the Province of New York, an Indian man, Reuben, a down-looking fellow, short hair, thick set, born in Queens County. He had on New York regimentals and carried off his firelock.—*Postboy.*

1756.—£5 Reward and charges, if secured in any jail.—Deserted from Captain Thomas Williams' company, July 10th; Solomon Rainer, tall and down-looking. He took his firelock No. 18, and branded N. Y. in the breech, and had on his regimentals; Harper Wanser, Jr., middling tall and down look; also, Thomas Stringham, tall, well set, goes stooping and is round shouldered.

1756, Aug. 16.—£3 Reward and charges.—Run away from W. Mott, Great Neck, a negro man slave, Joe, a well set likely fellow, full-faced and black. Born here and speaks good English,

He had on a gray homespun coat with pewter buttons, white linen jacket, and homespun linen shirt, a speckled linen handkerchief around his neck, felt hat, tow trowsers, old pumps with buckles. Commanders of vessels are forbid carrying him off.—*Postboy.*

1756, Sept. 29.—The estate of Thomas Moon, in the town-spot of Flushing is offered for sale by his widow, Elizabeth, a good large dwelling-house, seven acres of land, orchard, farming utensils and cattle, also shop goods.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1756, Oct. 25.—Captain Wentworth, of Flushing, being at St. Thomas, mustered as many New Yorkers as he could find (twenty-four hands in all) and in his new vessel, indifferently mounted with great guns, put to sea in pursuit of a French Privateer, cruising off the harbor and chasing New York vessels. But the privateer thought fit to disappear.—*Postboy.*

1756, Nov. 1.—To be sold, the pleasant and noted place in the town spot of Jamaica, called *Spring Garden*, being in sight of the County House, Dutch, English and Presbyterian churches, and retired from all. It contains twelve acres clear land, twelve of woodland, enough to supply two fires, two orchards, a cider mill, green-house, low land that can be made to mow twenty loads of English hay. Apply to John Hutchings or Robert Howell,\* on the premises.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1756, Nov. 15.—The name or abode of the person who gave information of the landing, clandestinely, of some Dutch goods near Lloyd's Neck, being unknown to the Collector of His Majesty's customs, he is desired to come and receive his share, or send directions how it may be disposed of.—*Postboy.*

1756, Nov. 19.—The sum of £5,15 was paid Nehemiah Carpenter, for building a watch-house near the Beacon, at Rockaway, and £16 were paid Thomas Cornell, Esq., for two months' service of two proper persons to attend and watch the Beacon and alarm gun.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2, 517, 518.

1756, Nov. 19.—The following bills were paid by order of the General Assembly, for supporting the neutral French brought here in May last and sent to the Magistrates of Queens County:

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| Christopher Robert, Flushing, nine men, | £ 4, 2, 1  |
| Samuel Fish Jr., Newtown, ten "         | 21, 7, 0   |
| Joseph Kissam, Hempstead, eight "       | 10, 5, 7   |
| Sam'l. Townsend,* Oysterbay, nine "     | 10, 13, 0  |
| James Denton, Jamaica, ten "            | 12, 14, 11 |

1757, Jan. 10.—To be sold a house and lot in tenure and occupation of Dr. Jacob Ogden, oppo-

\*Died Nov. 1776.

†He sent an insulting letter to the Assembly, on the conduct of the House in respect to the maintenance of the neutral French. He was brought before the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and on his submission, was reprimanded and then dismissed.—*Jour.*, 2: 554.

site the Presbyterian meeting-house, Jamaica. It contains two and a half acres, good barn, garden and orchard—all in good fence. Apply to Mrs. Rebecca Semple, at her house, next to Richard R. Smith's, schoolmaster, New York. Said Semple has imported from Bristol the best Scotch snuff, to be sold cheap for ready money or short credit. All persons indebted for snuff above a twelve month are requested to pay forthwith, as they would prevent trouble.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1757, Jan. 27.—A number of the King's soldiers, of the Twenty-second Regiment, was sent to Jamaica to be billeted there. Nehemiah Denton and Thomas Hinchman were appointed by the town to supply them with wood and other necessaries that the town is obliged to, they keeping an account of their disbursements.—*Town Records.*

1757, Feb. 28.—For sale, the plantation of Abraham Willett, of Flushing, deceased, containing one hundred and sixty acres of land and meadow, well watered by divers living springs. It has a two-story dwelling, with five fire-places, a new barn, and considerable orchardling. Apply to Abraham and Charles Willett, Executors.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1757, March 7.—Governor Hardy, in a Proclamation dated at Flatbush, orders all deserters from the forces in the pay of the Province, or those on furlough on Long Island, to repair to Newtown. The deserters will not be proceeded against as such if they return to duty.—*Postboy.*

1757, March 9.—To the French and Indian war, Queens County sends thirty-eight men; Suffolk, thirty-eight; Kings, eight.

1757, April 11.—Between seven and eight o'clock, on Friday night last, the boat of John Wilson, of Flushing, lying in New York harbor was robbed of cash to the amount of £15.—*Mercury.*

1757, May 16.—On Friday last, Richard Hallet, Jr., of the town of Newtown, was killed in falling a tree in the woods.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1757, May 16.—To be let, the farm, house, &c., at Whitestone, now in possession of Daniel Waters, where the ferry to Frog's Point is carried on. It has a good bearing orchard of one hundred and fifty trees, thirty acres swamp and sixty of meadow, and seventy-six of pasture land. Apply to John or Edward Nicoll, New York; Joseph Wilmot, Jamaica, or John Cornell, near the premises.—*Postboy.*

1757, May 25.—Gov. Hardy notifies boatmen and marketmen from the country bringing to New York provisions or other necessaries for the King's ships, that they shall not be impressed.—*Postboy.*

1757.—*Races at Jamaica, Monday, June 6th.* The New York Purse, by four year olds, subject to articles to be seen at time of entry at John Combs'. Next day, the stakes to be run for by

the same horses, except the winner and those distanced.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1757, June 13.—The New York subscription plate, run for at Jamaica, was won by Lewis Morris, Jr.'s, horse, American Childers.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1757, June 27.—The embargo at New York is taken off all outward bound vessels.

1757.—*Two Pistoles* reward, besides what the law allows. Jamaica, July 6th, deserted this day, about one o'clock in the morning, from Joseph Howard's, tavern keeper, at the half-way house, betwixt Jamaica and the Ferry, John Jones, born in Ireland, aged twenty-five, hair and complexion brown, of a thick and crooked built and had on a dark grey jacket and trowsers, and dresses like a sailor; and John Sighmont Fisher, born in the Dutch countries, speaks bad English, but high and low Dutch he speaks extremely well. He is of fair complexion, fair short hair, had on a brown coat and red jacket without sleeves. They carried away the landlord's great coat, and white cloth coat he used to wear in the church, his gun and other things not yet missed.—*Postboy.*

1757.—Wednesday, July 13th, is appointed, by Proclamation of the Governor, to be observed throughout this Province, as a day of solemn public Prayer, Fasting and Humiliation, to implore the Divine blessing on His Majesty's arms, by sea and land, and especially for the security of these Colonies.

1757, Aug. 8.—Samuel Borden, on account of his advanced age, is leaving off trade, and offers to let a merchant shop in the town of Flushing, conveniently situated for trade. It has a large convenient lodging-room and a good pump well supplied with water, near the door.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1757, Aug. 13.—Of the Queens County militia, six hundred are ordered to Albany, and the Suffolk militia are to march into Queens County.

1757, Aug. 14.—Colonel Hicks writes to the Governor that the militia of Queens County are poorly armed, and as there is danger of an invasion by the French, he requests £130, which is in the treasury of the county from Quaker fines, to buy arms with.

1757, Aug. 15.—David Jones, of Fort Neck, writes to the Hon. A. Kennedy: "It has been represented to me that there has been of late observed too great an intimacy between the negro slaves and the people called *neutral French*. This it is apprehended tends to stir up the negroes to insurrection, when such numbers of our best men are gone from us. His Majesty's Council will doubtless think it expedient to give immediate order to see the laws against slaves duly executed; and that all officers, civil and military, have a watchful eye over the *neutral French*."

1757, Sept. 2.—On the receipt of the news of

the surrender of Fort William Henry to the French, six hundred men were ordered to march from Queens County toward Albany. They mutinied when near Albany and left the army.

1757.—Will be run for Wednesday, Nov. 23, the New York subscription Purse, by any horse carrying ten stone, the best of three heats, each heat twice round Jamaica Pond. Horses to be entered with Mr. John Combs, paying \$2 the day before the race, or at the post \$4.—*Postboy*.

1758, Feb. 20.—*Stolen*.—Mr. Isaac Isaacs, Jamaica, offers ten shillings reward for a large silver spoon marked "I. I. F." If offered to a silversmith, or other, they are desired to stop it and secure the thief.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1758, Feb. 27.—Last Tuesday night three lads, eight or ten years old, were playing beside a pond, at Newtown, near the house of Edward Titus (one of whom was his only son,) who being missed in the evening, were sought for, and at twelve at night were found drowned; one of their hats lying on the ice, and the ice broken near it.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1758.—This is to give notice that there is to be sold by way of vendue, March 16th, at ten o'clock, on the premises, the farm that formerly belonged to Samuel Sands, at the bottom of Cow Neck, now in possession of Samuel Smith. It has 217 acres of upland, meadow and marsh, ten acres of English mowing ground, twenty of salt meadow, a good house, orchard, and barn twenty-six by twenty-eight feet.—*Postboy*.

1758, March 24.—The Assembly adjourn so that the members may return home to expedite and forward the levies in their respective counties.—*Jour.*, 2:555.

1758.—To be sold at public vendue, Monday, March 27, the neat, commodious and improved farm of Elbert Adriaance, with a good house and barn, at Fresh Meadows, two miles from Jamaica, on the upper road to Flushing. It has one hundred and fifty acres, part timber land.—*Postboy*.

1758, March 28.—For the ensuing campaign the quota of Queens County is two hundred and ninety men; Suffolk, two hundred and eighty-nine; and Kings, sixty-three.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1758.—To be sold at public vendue, Wednesday, April 5th, at the dwelling-house of Daniel Lawrence, deceased, household furniture, horses, cattle and a parcel of young negroes; also, a dwelling-house and lot, on Flushing creek, with a good store-house and dock.

1758, April 18.—List of the officers of the three companies of ninety-five recruits in Queens County, in the pay of the Province:

1st. Captain, Thomas Williams; First Lieutenant, Daniel Wright; Second Lieutenant, William Algeo; Sergeants—John Allison, Joseph Cassidy, James Palmer; Corporals—Daniel Southard,

Cooper Brooks, John Halton; Drummer, Benjamin Agens.

2d. Captain, Richard Hewlett; First Lieutenant, Ephraim Morse; Second Lieutenant, Dow Ditmars; Sergeants—Samuel Brown, Nicholas Wilson, Timothy Hill; Corporals—John Larrabee, Isaac Totten, James Brown.

3rd. Captain, Petrus Stuyvesant; First Lieutenant, David Jones; Second Lieutenant, Morris Smith; Sergeants—Simeon Smith, George Dunbar, James Marr, Cornelius Turner; Corporals—Jeremiah Finch, John Walters, Matthew Robins.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 85.

1758, May 31.—The following bills for lodging and victualling French officers, in 1757 and 1758, at 7s. per week, were ordered to be paid by the Assembly.—*Jour.*, 2:558.

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| Thomas Hinchman, for 24 officers, | £38,3 |
| William Sackett, " 2 "            | 7,0   |
| John Losie, " 2 "                 | 10,2  |
| John Foster, " 4 "                | 18    |
| William Denton, " 4 "             | 16    |
| Jonah Rhodes, " 6 "               | 18,18 |
| Joseph Betts, " 2 "               | 8,16  |
| Joseph Lawrence, " 3 "            | 4,19  |
| Richard Pinfold, " 2 "            | 23,16 |
| Nathaniel Moore, " 2 "            | 24,00 |

Benjamin Waters, for transporting them from Jamaica to Newtown, August, 1757, £1,10.

Adam Lawrence, for trouble, time and expense, in fetching and boarding out all the aforesaid French prisoners, sent to Queens County, £3,00.

1758.—Run away, June 24th, from Jamaica, James Thorn, a carpenter, red hair, freckled sandy complexion, a musket ball scar on his right leg. He had on a blue great coat, red plush waistcoat without sleeves, an ordinary hat with narrow silver lace on it, and a cut wig. He took a horse with a snip on the nose and a brand; also, a Russel hunting saddle with green worsted girth, without housing or saddle cloth, a snaffle bridle with buckle at the bits. Forty shillings reward for man and horse or 20s. for either, and charges paid by Caleb Whsalton.

1758, July 17.—40s. Reward.—Deserted from Captain Hewlett's company, William Steele, aged twenty-five, dark complexion, English born; John Conner, Irish born, aged thirty, fair complexion; Hamilton Blackwood, Irish, a mariner, brown complexion, aged twenty-nine—all enlisted in Queens County; and, from Captain Verplank's company, Benjamin Akerly, Long Island born, aged twenty-three, ruddy complexion; William Johnson, aged twenty-four, red hair; John Williams, aged thirty-four, black hair.—*Postboy*.

1758.—To be sold at public vendue, Saturday, July 29th, at the late dwelling of Richbell Mott, deceased, on Cow Neck, one hundred acres of good land on the west side of his farm, well watered and timbered, good fence and a grove of locust timber. Henry Sands, John Mott, Deborah Mott, Executors.

1758, Nov. 20.—A purse of £10 is to be run for at Newtown, on December 5th, the best of three heats, one mile each. Entrance, one dollar, to be paid the day before the race to Daniel Betts.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1758, Dec. 5.—The people of Jamaica and Newtown petition the Assembly to be relieved of the heavy and unequal burthens they labor under by having His Majesty's regular troops quartered among them.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2:574.

1758, Dec.—At a warmly contested election Hicks, a partisan of Governor Clinton, and his colleague, Zebulon Seaman, were elected over Mr. Justice Jones and Cornell, who were of the Livingston party.

1759, Jan. 1.—Captain Falconer offers \$3 reward, and the allowance for apprehending deserters, for John Smith, a deserter from His Majesty's Forty-fourth Regiment, now quartered at Hempstead. He has a short nose; round face, a little thick-lipt, speaks English with a German accent.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1759, Jan. 1.—William Betts' farm for sale, pleasantly situated at the west end of the Main Street, Jamaica. It has one hundred and forty acres of good land in good fence, whereof eighteen is woodland, a good new dwelling-house with sash windows, stone well, orchards yielding in bearing years, ten or twelve hogsheads of cider.—*Postboy*.

1759, Jan. 22.—To be sold or let; the house at Jamaica, formerly belonging to Richard R. Smith, deceased, very convenient for a tavern or any other business.—*Postboy*.

1759, Feb. 5.—William Pedly, born in England, deserted from His Majesty's Forty-fourth Regiment, quartered at Jamaica, Captain Richard Bayly's company of Grenadiers. He had on a red rugg coat, a fustian frock with plate buttons under it.—*Postboy*.

1759, Feb. 26.—For sale the dwelling-house of the Rev. Mr. Colgan, situate near the Beaver Pond, Jamaica. It has eight rooms on a floor and two good rooms up stairs, and is in good repair, with a barn and sixty-six acres of land and an orchard of one hundred trees—all in good fence. The purchaser need not advance ready money, but bonds with good security will be accepted by Mary Colgan.

1759, March 1.—For invading the French possessions in Canada the quota of Queens County was three hundred men; of Kings, sixty-eight; of Suffolk, two hundred and eighty-nine. Captain Seaman brought in a bill to compel certain persons in Queens County to enlist in the company of the district or beat where they reside.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2:594; 597.

1759, April 10.—The officers of the three companies of Queens County recruits (three hundred effective men) for the French war are:

1st. Captain, Ephraim Morse; First Lieutenant, George Dunbar; Second Lieutenant, Roeloff Duryea.

2nd. Captain, Daniel Wright; First Lieutenant, James Casseday; Second Lieutenant, Isaac Seaman.

3rd. Captain, Richard Hewlett; First Lieutenant, Joseph Bedell; Second Lieutenant, Michael Weeks.—*Col. Mss.*, Vol. 87.

1759, April 30.—On Monday last His Excellency Jeffery Amherst, Esq., Major-General and commander of all His Majesty's forces in North America, set out from New York for Jamaica, where he reviewed nine companies of Colonel Frazer's Highlanders and returned to town the same night.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1759, May 14.—Notice.—Joseph Burling, at Flushing, dyes and presses all sorts of broad-cloths, takes out mildews, dyes and stiffens all sorts of silks and stuffs, with care and dispatch.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1759, May 24.—Colonel Stephen Hicks received £29 for defraying the expenses of attending and keeping watch at the beacon in Queens County, from May to Oct.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2:636.

1759, Oct. 7.—Taken up in the public highway, at Newtown, on Sunday, a pocket book with money and several gold rings in it. Apply to Mr. John Moore, prove property and pay for this notice.

1759, Nov. 5.—We hear that, to-morrow, great rejoicings are to be at Jamaica, at the success of His Majesty's army in North America. A whole ox is to be roasted for the great multitude of people expected there, and empty hogsheads are prepared to make punch in. At night there is to be a large bonfire. The usual loyal healths will be drank attended with a chorus.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1759, Nov. 5.—The inhabitants of Long Island are requested to make up their accounts for keeping French prisoners for several months past at their houses.—*Postboy*.

1759, Nov. 7.—The inhabitants of Flushing celebrated the reduction of Quebec, that long dreaded sink of French perfidy and cruelty. An elegant entertainment was provided at which the principle persons of the place were present. After dinner the paternal tenderness of our most gracious Sovereign for these infant colonies, the patriotism and integrity of Mr. Pitt, the fortitude and activity of our generals and admirals, etc., with every other toast that loyalty and gratitude could dictate were drank. Each toast was accompanied by a discharge of cannon—in all above one hundred. The evening was ushered in with a large bonfire and illumination. The Governor has appointed a day of Thanksgiving for the reduction of the forts at Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Niagara, and the victory at Quebec.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760, Feb. 18.—To let the plantation or farm of

the estate of Joseph Bowne, Flushing, deceased. It has forty acres choice upland and meadow, good fences, a dwelling-house with nine rooms and five fire-places, with a large kitchen adjoining, an orchard with a variety of fruit trees, good barn, store-house and other out-houses. Enquire of William Lawrence, Mosquito Cove, or Joseph Bowne, Flushing.

1760, *March 3*.—Joseph Haviland offers for sale, at Flushing landing, a new house, and lot of ground two hundred and forty-four by sixty-five feet, very fit for a gentleman's country seat.

1760, *March 31*.—For sale the plantation, where Mr. Colgan resided many years with his family. There are seventy acres, a large dwelling-house, two stories high, sash windows, eight fire places; having the beautiful prospect of a large pond before the door called Beaver Pond. A very suitable place for a gentleman. Also, cows, horses, hogs and farming utensils. Enquire of John Thompson, living on the premises.

1760, *March 31*.—To let, a convenient and commodious large dwelling house, with sash windows and leantos, situated in the town of Jamaica, now in the tenure of Mrs. Colgan. Enquire at John Burnet's, Attorney-at-Law, New York.

1760, *April 7*.—To let, the Ferry at Whitestone, with a house, garden and orchard, for the term of one or five years. Enquire of John Nicoll, near the premises.

1760.—Will be exposed to sale, April 10th, at noon, at public vendue, the now dwelling-house of Daniel Duryee, in Jamaica, with forty or fifty acres cleared land, in good fence and well watered. Also, better than fifteen acres of woodland, which lies handy. The house is new and well finished in two apartments, each having a fire-place, besides good leantos adjoining. There is a new barn thirty-six by forty-eight feet, an orchard, garden, stone-wall and several other conveniences, pleasantly situated for a gentleman's seat.

1760, *April 14*.—Ran away from Bernardus Ryder, Flushing, a negro man Cæsar, aged twenty-five, this country born, not a right black, has a little of the yellowish cast, a pretty lusty fellow, talks good English, if frightened stutters very much, has lost one of his front teeth; had on a light colored Devonshire-kersey coat, a soldier's red jacket, breeches and hat, and a pair of old shoes. 40s. reward if taken on the Island; or £3 if taken off the Island.—*Postboy*.

1760.—To be sold and entered, on May 1st, the farm of George Frost, deceased, two miles from the town of Oysterbay landing. It has one hundred and fifty or one hundred and sixty acres, good fence, half cleared, timbered with chestnut, oak and walnut, two good dwelling-houses, barn, two orchards that make one hundred barrels of cider per year, cider-mill, screw-press, grist-mill with flint-stones, two bolting-mills, fulling-mill and press-

house. Apply to Benjamin Townsend, Jerico, or John Underhill, Matinecock.—*Postboy*.

1760, *May 5*.—*Notice*.—A negro, wandering about without a pass, was taken up at Hempstead, by Benjamin Stewart, schoolmaster, and put in Jamaica jail, where he now awaits the order of his master, who, he says, is Colonel Dyer, of Windham.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760, *May 12*.—Run away from John Thompson, Jamaica, Rose McBride, a servant woman, born in Ireland, lusty, well-looking, of fair complexion and light hair. She had on a dark calico gown, and gold ear-rings fixed in her ears. A reward of 40s. is offered, and all persons are forbid entertaining or concealing her.\*

1760, *May 27*.—To be sold at auction, at John Forbush's, near Success, a quantity of tea, pepper, powder in quarter-casks, sugar in barrels, and a variety of shop goods; also, cattle, horses, sheep and farming utensils, late the estate of John Forbush, Jr., deceased.

1760.—The officers of the Queens County recruits (one hundred and ten men) for the French war were:

1st. Captain, Ephraim Morse; First Lieutenant, Roeloff Duryea; Second Lieutenant, Abraham Remsen.

2nd. Captain, Daniel Wright; First Lieutenant, Edward Burk; Second Lieutenant, John Dean.—*N. Y. Col. Mss., Vol. 88*.

1760, *July 28*.—\$5 *Reward*.—Run away from Richard Betts, Jamaica, a new negro, named Castalio. He has several cuts in his body, his two fore teeth filed and holes in both ears. He had on an Ozenbrigs shirt and trowsers and cross-barred red linen waistcoat.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760, *Aug. 2*.—Will be exposed to sale at vendue the land, one hundred and fifty acres, lately possessed by Amos Morril, deceased, on Oak Neck, with all the improvements thereon. It is remarkably convenient for a ship-builder, has a good work-house, blacksmith's shop, two dwelling houses, two small orchards and a good quantity of timber. Title given by William and Jacob Walton & Co.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760.—Cow Neck, August 13th. Hendrick Onderdonk offers £6 reward for a runaway negro named Primus, a likely, well-looking fellow, speaks English and the low Dutch, plays on the violin and can read and write. He had on a castor hat and gray ratteen coat lined with brown camblet and yellow metal buttons on it. He also carried off a green everlasting jacket lined with shalloon, a pair of black everlasting breeches and check trowsers, a fine linen homespun and an Osnabrig's shirt and a pair of pumps. He has attended a grist-mill and it is likely he will forge a pass.

\*She, probably, was one of the class of emigrants, called Redemptioners, whose services, for a term of years, were sold by the captain to pay her passage.

1760.—Died, August 27th, at Jamaica, after a few days illness, Samuel Clowes, Esq., in his eighty-seventh year. He was many years a noted lawyer, and well skilled in mathematics, in which he was instructed by the famous Dr. Flamstead. He left a numerous posterity and an unblemished character.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760, Aug. 28.—Received of Mr. Benjamin Sands, of Cow Neck, the sum of £67,10, in full, for a negro wench called Eve, sold and delivered *per me*, Peter Hegeman, of Oysterbay. Witness present Samuel Weeks.

1760, Oct. 19.—Vendue at Benjamin Hinchman's, Jamaica, of all sorts of dry goods (whole pieces and remnants) lately the effects of Hart Aaron and Jacob Cohen, of Flushing, Newtown, Islip and Jerico. For six months credit they will be sold very cheap.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760.—Thursday, October 23d, was observed, throughout this Province, as a day of public and solemn Thanksgiving for the Divine blessing on His Majesty's arms, in the reduction of Canada.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1760, Nov. 20.—There are five hundred British soldiers arrived, under convoy of the Devonshire, who are to be quartered on Long Island. Some of these transports will convey the French prisoners to old France.

1760, Dec. 29.—For sale a pleasant and complete farm on the north side of Hempstead Plains, near the Hon. Colonel Josiah Martin's. It has two hundred and twelve acres, well fenced, a large young orchard of choice fruit, two mowing grounds producing upwards of fifty loads of best English hay. The house has four rooms and fire-places on a floor, coach and store-house; also, horses, cattle and plantation utensils, etc. Thomas Truxton\*, living on the premises, will give a good title.

1761, Feb. 19.—Thomas Braine offers for sale a pleasantly situated farm, where he now lives, on the road to Flatbush, within two short miles of Jamaica, and a mile and a half from the water, where is good fishing, fowling and oystering. It has one hundred acres of good land, twenty of woodland, a house, barn, orchard of sixty trees, and is well watered.

1761, Feb. 24.—The total vote of Queens County for Members of Assembly was 650. David Jones had 382; Thomas Cornell, 363; Thomas Hicks, 342; Zebulon Seaman, 217, and William Talman, 42. Jones and Cornell were returned by the Sheriff, but their election was successfully contested by Hicks and Seaman. The Sheriff was

\*He was the father of Commodore Truxton, who went to Mr. Seabury's school at Hempstead, in 1761. Colonel Martin was father of Dr. Samuel Martin, of Rock Hall, Rockaway, who died of a lingering sickness, April 19, 1806, aged sixty-six, and was buried at Hempstead, in the chancel of St. George's Church, of which he had been a benefactor.

reprimanded by the House for his undue and illegal behaviour, and a new election ordered to be held April 20th and 21st, when the Sheriff made a double return, thus:

Thomas Cornell and David Jones.

Thomas Cornell and Zebulon Seaman.

A scrutiny of the votes was held at Jamaica, June 9th, and a decision made in favor of Seaman,\* Dec. 9th.—*Ass. Jour.*, 2: 648, 678, and *Postboy*.

1761, April 2.—The late garrison of Detroit, who are now prisoners of war on Long Island, will embark for France. All persons who have employed them to work at a distance from Jamaica, will return them to the prison there immediately. The Canadians will go to Canada. On Monday next the provision money due the inhabitants of Queens County, for billeting the French prisoners of 1759, will be paid to Adam Lawrence, High-Sheriff, at Hempstead, for distribution. Billeting for prisoners taken at Isle au Noix and Fort Lewis, in 1760, will also be paid to the Sheriff.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1761, April 8.—The following members of the Church of England, as by law established, at Jamaica, petition the Governor for a charter.—*See, also, Doc. His.*, 3: 324.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Betts, Richard,†      | Ogden, Jacob, Dr.,†    |
| Betts, Thomas,†       | Oldfield, Joseph,      |
| Braine, Thomas,†      | Oldfield, Joseph, Jr., |
| Carpenter, Benjamin,  | Seabury, Samuel, Jr.,  |
| Comes, John†          | minister,              |
| Comes, Gilbert,       | Smith, John,           |
| Cornell, Thomas, Jr., | Smith, Samuel,†        |
| Dunbar, George,       | Sherlock, William,†    |
| Howell, Robert,       | Truxton, Thomas,       |
| Hinchman, Thomas,†    | Troup, John,†          |
| Huchins, John,        | Van Hook, Isaac,       |
| Innes, John, Dr.,     | Welling, William,      |
| Lawrence, Adam,       | Whithead, Benjamin,†   |

Beside and including most of the above the following (some being non-residents) subscribed money for the repairs of the church:

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| Armstrong, John,     | Jones, Thomas, Dr.,    |
| Betts, William,      | Jauncey, John,         |
| Betts, John,         | Murray, William,       |
| Burnett, John,       | Polhemus, Tunis,       |
| Colgan, Fleming,     | Robinson, Joseph,      |
| Hammersly, Thomas,   | Smith, Samuel, Jr.,    |
| Horsemanden, Daniel, | Smith John, (Union),   |
| Howard, William,     | Troup, Robert,         |
| Hutchins & Howell,   | Van Courtland, Philip, |

\*James Cornell and Luke Cummins, Clerks, who made out the Poll-lists, were cited before the Committee and, on the report of the Committee being made to the House, it was decided that William Forbes, Gilbert Weeks, James Pearsall, John Prior, Roelof Duryee, Bernardus Stagg and Rev. Abraham Keteltas, who had purchased freeholds within three months of their time of voting, should, notwithstanding, be allowed their votes, thus deciding in favor of Seaman. The vote of Thomas Carman, born deaf and dumb, was rejected.

†Vestrymen. ‡Church Wardens.

||Samuel Smith lived at Little Plains.

1761, *May 27*.—The friends of the Church of England, in Flushing, pray for an act of incorporation. They say they have no minister of their own, that divine service is seldom performed, as there is but one pastor for Jamaica, Newtown and Flushing, that they have erected a decent church and intend to provide for the support of a clergyman.—*Col. Mss.*, 89:129.

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| Aspinwall, John,  | Mitchell, Jacamiah,  |
| Bowne, Joseph,    | Marston, John,       |
| Brown, Francis,   | Robert, Christopher, |
| Cornell, Charles, | Thorn, Daniel,       |
| Dyer, John        | Thorn, Jacob,        |
| Doughty Isaac,    | Tom, Nathaniel,      |
| Fowler, Benjamin, | Thorn, William,      |
| Grenell, Thomas,  | Thorn, Benjamin,     |
| Haviland, Joseph, | Wright, Charles,     |
| Lewis, Foster,    | Wilson, John.        |
| Morrell, John,    |                      |

1762, *Feb. 1*.—To be sold and entered on when the purchaser pleases, a small plantation, half a mile east of Jamaica village, on which Mr. Seabury, Rector of the church, now lives. It contains twenty-eight acres of good land, a good dwelling-house, (one end new), a genteel building, a dry cellar under the whole house, a well of good water, new barn, hovel and smoke-house. There is a fine orchard that makes fifty barrels of cider; also, a screw-press and cider-mill of a new invention, that grinds fifty bushels of apples in an hour. Also, fourteen acres woodland, two miles from the farm, and eight acres of salt meadow, that cuts twenty loads of salt hay. Apply to the abovesaid Samuel Seabury, Jr.,\* who will give a good title.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *Feb. 15*.—*Card*.—Benjamin Lawrence, of Flushing, has declined keeping tavern, but gentlemen traveling may be supplied with good *victuals*. He also takes in young gentlemen to board by the year.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *March 27*.—The Rev. Mr. Samuel Seabury, of Hempstead, in order to enlarge his school, has engaged a young gentleman as usher who is a candidate for orders. Mr. S. will entertain young gentlemen at his own house in a genteel manner, at £30 per year; schooling, washing and wood for school-fire included.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *April 12*.—The house of Tunis Wortman, of Oysterbay, was robbed of £613 in Connecticut money, consisting of twenty and forty shilling bills, and £670 in bills of credit of this Colony. Also, a bundle of receipts of payment.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *April 26*.—William Rudge, late of Gloucester, old England, continues his school at Hallet's Cove, where he teaches writing in the usual hands, arithmetic, book-keeping, Italian, Latin and Greek. There is an opportunity of sending letters and parcels from New York almost daily by the

pettyaugers.—The subscribers willing to continue the schoolmaster (as we have found him a man of close application and sobriety, and capable of his office) are now ready to take in boarders at £18 per annum. Jacob Blackwell, Richard Berrien, John Greenoak, Jacob Rapalje, Richard Pinfold, John McDannough, Thomas, Jacob, William, Richard and Samuel Hallett, Jr.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *Sept. 2*.—The rain has altered the face of the country. There has been none on Long Island since corn planting. This is the third summer of severe drought over all British North America. Provisions are high. Butter is 2s. 10d. per pound, roots, greens and fruits are higher than ever known before. One man will make £500 by water-melons.—*Postboy*.

1762, *Oct. 11*.—There is now in Jamaica jail a negro fellow who speaks either French or Spanish, and will speak no English. He was taken up in the woods near Jamaica, by William Watts.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *Dec. 6*.—Stock for shipping, such as sheep, hogs, etc., may be had of John Nicoll, Whitestone.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1762, *Dec. 22*.—There was killed by Thomas Everitt, a cow, raised and fattened by Colonel Benjamin Tredwell, of Great Neck, whose weight was, the four quarters, six hundred and seventy-six pounds; tallow besides the kidneys, one hundred and forty-four pounds; hide, sixty-three pounds. This perhaps exceeds any killed in this Province.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1763, *Feb. 28*.—Joseph Haviland, Flushing bay side, offers for sale his farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres, pleasantly situated by the Sound, where all vessels pass in sight, one mile from Whitestone, very handy to New York markets, where a great deal of money can be made, as there is a great plenty of fruits, such as sugar pears, bell pears, and sundry other sorts, cherries in abundance, a large orchard of a great variety of fruit. There is a stream of fresh water for a mill; also, fresh and salt meadow. Twenty-two acres are woodland.

1763, *April 11*.—Thomas Dodge and Petrus Onderdonk want a man well qualified to teach a school on Cow Neck. He may be settled with reasonable support.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1763.—New York Free Masons' Purse of \$100 to be run for, April 25, the best two of three heats, each heat three times round Beaver Pond, Jamaica, each horse to carry nine stone weight and to be entered with Mr. Thomas Braine, paying 30s. entrance. The entrance money to be run for next day—the whole to be under the inspection of three Free Masons.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1763, *June*.—The Rev. Samuel Seabury, of Hempstead, in his Diary, says: The ticket No. 5866, in the Light-house and public Lottery of New York, drew in my favor, by the blessing of

\*Mr. Seabury was afterward Bishop of Connecticut.

God, £500 (of which I received £425, there being a deduction of *fifteen per cent.*) for which I now record to my posterity my thanks and praise to Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts. *Amen.*

1763, *July*.—Whereas divers persons, without any right or license so to do, have of late, with sloops, boats and other craft, presumed to come into Jamaica Bay and taken, destroyed and carried away quantities of clams, mussels and other fish, to the great damage of said town, this is to give warning to all persons who have no right or liberty that they do forbear to commit any such trespass in the bay for the future; otherwise they will be prosecuted at law for the same by Thomas Cornell, Jr., and Waters Smith. By order of the town.

1763, *July 14*.—The wife of Benjamin Dusenbury, of Long Island, aged fifty-five, had for several years been afflicted with the stone. It was extracted by Dr. Jones, and weighed seven and a half ounces, and was eight or nine inches in circumference.

1763, *Nov. 28*.—Died, at Jamaica, last week, John Cockefer who was born so long ago that for many years past he had forgot his age. He often said he was a soldier in the Fort at New York, in Gov. Leisler's time (who was here during the civil war in 1689) and had been a man grown several years before he enlisted, and that when a young man he had often shot quails and squirrels on or near Pot baker's \*hill, in New York, which was then a wilderness. [He and his wife Tryntie owned a house and farm of one hundred and fifty acres, at the village of Springfield.]—*Weyman's N. Y. Gazette*.

1763, *Dec. 5*.—To be sold by Jean Caverly,† a neck of land, near Mosquito Cove, of fifty acres, with a large double-house, two stories high, barn, work-house, and orchard of over one hundred trees of very good fruit, well timbered and watered, very convenient for a ship carpenter or ferry; likewise fishing and fowling.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, *Jan. 23*.—On Tuesday last Joseph and Richardson Cornell, of New York, shop-keepers, absconded, having first taken up goods from different merchants to the amount of £7,000, and converted the greater part of them into ready cash. They then went to Cow Neck and there shut themselves up in a room in the house of Henry Sands. Their creditors were in pursuit of them on last Friday morning, and found the outer door latched, but opened it without opposition. When the officer approached the room where the Cornells were they threatened him with death. He however proceeded to force the door when they fired a gun through it, over his head. Timothy McCarty thereupon said: Fire away, my lads, we'll have

you yet. Another gun or two was quickly fired, by which he was killed on the spot. The Cornells escaped the same day, and, it was supposed, were conveyed on board a schooner in the Sound. The Coroner's verdict was "wilful murder." McCarty's body was carried to New York on Saturday night, and decently interred on Sunday evening.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, *Feb. 6*.—Thomas Braine offers for sale a house in the town-spot of Jamaica, now in the tenure of the Rev. Mr. Hughs. The house is two stories high, with three rooms on the lower floor; the garden is enclosed with picket-pales. Also, forty-five acres of land.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, *Feb. 13*.—Charles Crommeline, New York, offers for sale a farm, pleasantly situated, bordering on Hempstead Plains; bounded westerly by Adam Lawrence's, and easterly by Gabriel and George D. Ludlow's; ninety acres of upland, twenty of wood and fifty of plains, twelve of which last is now in rye. The upland is a good soil for wheat or Indian corn, and little has been tilled for many years past. A new shingled barn forty four-feet square, a new house not quite finished, thirty-one by twenty-three feet, with two fire-places on first floor. Also, eighteen thousand brick, seventy cart loads of Hell Gate stone, red cedar posts, and timber squared for a house fifty by forty feet.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, *March 28*.—All persons, in town or country, indebted to Joseph Sacket, in New York, are desired to pay off their debts, as he designs to remove to Jamaica.

1764.—John Field, Jr., John Thorn, Jr., and Mary, widow of John Wilson, of Flushing, offer for sale, April 10th, his dwelling-house, garden, store-house and wharf; also, a very fine boat.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764.—To be run for, April 12th, on the new course, on Hempstead Plains, a purse of £50, the best of three four-mile heats, each horse carrying nine stone and paying 50s. entrance, or double at the Post. On Friday a purse of £20 and upwards, free for half-bred horses only, six years old and under, carrying eight stone, the best of three two-mile heats. Horses to be entered with Mr. John Comes, Jamaica. Not less than three reputed running horses to start, and to be subject to the King's plate articles. Judges will be appointed to terminate all disputes.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764.—John Willet, Esq., of Flushing, through the earnest persuasion of his friends and his desire to serve his county, offers himself as candidate at the ensuing election of Representatives from Queens County, which is to be held May 23.\*—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, *June 21*.—To be sold, a plantation, with the stock, at Whitestone, eighteen miles from the

\*The hill in John street.

†In 1730 he petitions for a ferry from Caverly Island to Rye.

\*Daniel Kissam was elected over Mr. Willet.

Ferry, by land, and twelve by water. It is bounded near a mile by the Sound, beginning westward of Whitestone Point, and joining Mr. John Cornell and Francis Lewis to the eastward. The shore abounds in springs and shell fish. There are two hundred acres, and thirteen of meadow in Flushing Bay. The grass land is suitable for stock of all sorts. There are about forty acres of woodland and swamp-land, that has grass in the driest season. It is a rich spot, if cleared, for hemp. It has a cedar fence, two orchards, an abundance of fruit trees, thousands of young locusts, black walnuts, and some Madeira nuts. It has two dwelling-houses, kitchens, barns and a good wharf. The wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats and flax are in the ground. To be entered on immediately. Enquire of John Nicoll, on the premises, or Edward Nicoll, New York

• 1764, June 21.—On Friday morning last, died, at Hempstead, of a nervous disorder and imposthume in his side, the Rev. Mr. Samuel Seabury, minister of the church there, one of the Missionaries of the Honorable Society for the propagation of the Gospel. A gentleman of an amiable exemplary character, greatly and generally beloved and lamented.—*Postboy*.

1764, July 2.—Captain Joseph Haviland offers for sale, his farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, at Bayside. It fronts on the Sound, where all the vessels pass. The house has five rooms on a floor. Also, for sale, blackwalnut and mahogany tables, desks, a pier-glass and a great many pictures.

1764, Aug. 20.—Daniel Hulet, Jamaica, advertises that he has taken up a negro man, who says his master is Joseph Hendricks, and shall put him in Jamaica jail, where the owner may have him, (if he dont get from said jail) he paying for the trouble and all charges. He is a young fellow, has a scar on his left eye, well set, short, has a hat without brims, brown coat, old stocking-leggins, blue breeches, no shoes, and speaks broken English.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764.—On Sunday, September 2nd, Daniel Youngs' house, at Oysterbay, was broken open and robbed of six silver table-spoons, marked "D. C.", and five tea-spoons, marked "D. H. Y." It delivered or conveyed to the owner no questions will be asked; otherwise a good reward is offered for apprehending the thief so that he may be had to justice.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, Sept. 4.—Daniel Kissam, elected to the General Assembly in place of Thomas Cornell, deceased, brings in a bill to sell the arms bought by the fines of the Quakers.—*Ass. Jour.*

1764, Sept. 24.—The proprietors of the new woolen manufactory at Hempstead, give notice to all persons in any way vested in the manufacture of wool, such as wool-combers, weavers, cloathers, shearers, dyers, spinners, carders, or those understanding any branch of the broadcloth, blanket,

or stroud manufacture, that by applying to them, they will meet extraordinary encouragement. Any gentleman, shop-keeper, or others, by sending patterns of any color, may be supplied, on short notice, with broadcloths equal to any imported, Ready money paid for pulled and sheared wool.

1764, Sept. 25.—The bills of the following persons for boarding French prisoners, in 1756-7-8, were ordered to be paid by the Assembly: Oliver Beesly, Thomas Hallet, Jacob Blackwell, Cornelius Berrien, William Sackett, *tertius*; William Field, John Lawrence, John Combs, Rynier Probasco, William Lawrence, John Smith, John Hoogland, Samuel Gerritse, Richard Van Dyke, John Robert, Christopher Rôbert, Joseph Griswold, Samuel Fish, Samuel and John Townsend, George Weeks, John Butler, Nathaniel Tom, William Sackett, William Sackett, Jr. Thomas Sackett, for furnishing medicine, 1756, and Hendrick Suydam, for transporting some aged and sick neutral French.—*Jour.*, 2: 757.

1764, Oct. 1.—Tunis Polhemus is now erecting a fulling-mill, two miles south of Jamaica town, which will be finished in a month. There will be a person to attend who is well acquainted with all the branches and business of a fuller and dyer.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, Oct. 5.—Complaint is made to the Assembly that indigent persons build small huts on the highways and vacant lands in Queens County, and therein conceal and harbor vagrants.—*Jour.*

1764.—*New Market RACES*.—To be run for, over the new course, Menday, October 8th, a purse of £50, free for any horse carrying nine stone, the best of three two-mile heats. On Tuesday a purse of £20, free for any horse bred in the Province of New York. Entrance at Mr. John Combs', Jamaica. Certificates, under the hands of the breeders, must be produced of the ages and qualifications of the horses that run on Tuesday.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, Oct. 9.—*Purse £50*.—Races at Newmarket, by Mr. Smith's bay horse Hero, Mr. Thorne's grey horse Starling, and Mr. Leary's bay horse Old England. All imported from England. Starling gained the first and second heats with ease.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, Oct. 15.—Very great changes have been wrought on many persons of late in the neighboring Provinces, and especially on Long Island, caused by the preaching of the Rev. Mr. Whitfield.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1764, Nov. 8.—To be sold, a plantation at Whitestone, having two acres of garden ground, twenty-eight acres rich land, well watered, and five acres of salt meadow. It has two dwelling-houses, a large store-house, barn, stables, chair-house, etc. Enquire of Widow Elizabeth Barker, and her daughter Elizabeth Stewart, in New York.

1764, Nov. 8.—Found lately, at Jamaica, a

small sum of money, which the owner may have on proving property and paying charges, by application to Mr. Thomas Braine, tavern-keeper.

1764, Dec. 10.—Was formed the Society for promoting Arts, Agriculture and Economy in the Province of New York. Stated meetings the first Monday of every month.

BENJAMIN KISSAM, *Secretary*.

1765.—*Notice*.—It is requested that the inhabitants of Flushing, Newtown and Jamaica, should meet at John Comes' tavern, Jamaica, January 1st, to agree on officers and rules to advance husbandry and manufactures and to suppress luxury.—*N. Y. Postboy*.

1765, Jan. 21.—Left his master's service, an apprentice lad, William Morrell, born at Newtown, aged nineteen, hair and complexion fair, smooth-faced, and looked boyish, by trade a shoemaker, speaks and laughs loud, has a lazy clumsy walk, took a half-worn castor hat, light-brown wig, white cloth coat without buttons, brown sagathy double-breasted jacket, leather breeches, check shirt and a pair of half boots; he speaks English and a little low Dutch, is obliging and good natured. Whoever secures said lad shall receive \$3 reward, and charges paid, by John Cree.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1765, Feb. 25.—Wanted, by the Society for promoting ARTS, &c., fifty good spinning-wheels. Apply to Obadiah Wells, James Armstrong and John Lamb, New York.

1765, March 11.—The Society for promoting Arts, offers a Premium of £20, to the ten women who shall spin the most linen yarn in 1765, to be distributed according to their respective merits.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1765, March 11.—To be exposed to sale, by way of public vendue, a plantation in Newtown, late of Andrew Riker, deceased. It has one hundred acres with good improvements, a good bearing orchard of one hundred and fifty apple trees, mostly grafted. Also, half of Hewlett's Island, which is well timbered, and has the convenience of a good watering-place. Also, salt meadow and marsh, lying in the Sound. The whole is very convenient for fishing, fowling, etc., (where you may have clams and oysters at your door all seasons of the year) and within ten miles of New York markets. Due attendance will be given by John B., Abraham and Samuel Riker.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1765, Feb. 22.—Johannes and Petrus Lott offer for sale the farm of Hendrick Lott, deceased, three miles west of Jamaica, on the road to the Ferry. It has a house, barn, orchard, stone well, a watering place for cattle and one hundred and fifty acres of land.

1765.—Will be exposed to sale, at public vendue, April 8th, the home-lot of land in Jamaica, where Thomas Braine now lives (formerly Samuel

Clowes') consisting of fourteen acres, having a large brick house and kitchen, with a spacious brick house adjoining, two stories high and three rooms on a floor, and cellar-kitchen, completely finished, glazed and painted. It has a barn covered with cedar, and several other erections, and an orchard of seventy trees. Also, a large house, two stories high, fronting the north street, with a garden-spot.\*

N. B.—Said Braine has one thousand acres of land to dispose of near Schenectady.

1765, April 22.—James McCarrell, at the school-house near Mr. Benjamin Waters', in Newtown, encouraged by the universal approbation he has met with the past year, continues to teach reading, writing, arithmetic, book-keeping, plain and spheric trigonometry, surveying, guaging, navigation, etc., etc. Scholars genteelly boarded on reasonable terms.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1765, April 22.—Sarah Betts offers for sale two farms, two miles south of Jamaica, the one, Miller's Neck, has two hundred and forty acres, well timbered and watered; the other, Old Town-neck, three hundred and fifty acres, one hundred of wood and one hundred of salt and fresh meadow, the rest clear upland with a young orchard of two hundred apple trees.

1765.—To be let and entered on, May 1st, the noted house, at Jamaica, formerly belonging to Mr. Clowes, at present in possession of Thomas Braine, with the new building adjoining. Both houses have twelve rooms, and a kitchen joining the old house. There is a barn and other out-houses and fourteen acres of choice pasture land. Enquire of Lawrence Reade.

1765, March 25.—To be run for round Beaver Pond, at Jamaica, Thursday, May 2d, a piece of plate of £20 value, free for any horse bred in this Government, carrying ten stone. The horses to start at the distance-post and run twice round; and as far as the Tree the third round, for each heat—the best two of three heats. The entrance money to be run for next day by all but the winning and distanced horses. Entrance with John Comes 20s., or double at the Post.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1765, May 23.—Thomas Philips, from Flushing, intends opening a writing-school, in Horse and Cart Street, New York. Any persons choosing to favor him with the tuition of their children may depend on his best endeavors. Writing done at the most reasonable rate, either in the merchant or scrivener's way.

1765.—On Sunday evening, July 21st, the barn of William Lawrence, of Newtown, was struck by lightning and totally consumed in a very few minutes, with a large quantity of hay and wheat, a new riding chair, and many other things of value, to the amount of £300.

\*This is Dr. Shelton's corner.

1765.—To be sold at vendue, August 7th, at two P. M., a pleasant, well-situated house and lot, containing twelve acres, now in possession of the Widow Colgan, Jamaica, nearly opposite the English and joining the Dutch church. The house is almost new and well-built, and has four rooms on a floor, and two fire places, a good cellar, an excellent garden, an orchard and well of exceeding good water. Rev. Benoni Bradner, at Nine Partners, will give a good title.

1765, Nov. 14.—\$3 Reward.—Run away from Paul Burtus, Newtown, a negro man slave, aged thirty, of a yellowish color, and a good deal pitted by the small pox about the nose. He had on a white cloth jacket, blue Duffels great coat much faded, with white flat metal buttons, buckskin breeches, black and white mixed yarn stockings, new shoes, and small old wool hat.

1765, Dec. 5.—Zachariah Hood, a Stamp officer, fled, November 28th, from Maryland to New York, and took sanctuary in Fort George, which Governor Colden had strongly fortified, but, on the arrival of Governor Moore, he retired with Colden to Flushing, and the Fort was dismantled. Volunteer parties of the Sons of Liberty soon after went to Flushing by land and water when fifty of them surrounded Hood's lodgings and forced him to resign. Then one hundred persons on horseback and in carriages, in regular order, escorted him to Jamaica, (Mr. Hood and another gentleman riding in a chair in the centre) where he took the oath before Justice Samuel Smith. Mr. H. then thanked the company for their politeness when he was complimented and huzzaed and invited to an entertainment, but he excused himself in as much as he was in such a frame of body and mind that he should be unhappy in company. Many constitutional toasts were drank and next morning the company (except those who lived on Long Island) set out for New York in several divisions, carrying the flag of liberty with the words *Liberty, Property and no Stamps* inscribed thereon.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1766, Feb. 3.—\$5 Reward.—Run away from John Polhemus, Jamaica, a negro man, Mink, a well-set fellow, of a lightish complexion, had on a light colored homespun great coat with horn-buttons, a Forrest cloth jacket, blue everlasting breeches. He took also a pair of buckskin breeches with silver buttons, a pair of white and of blue and white stockings, and double-soled half-worn shoes.

1766, Feb. 20.—For sale, the house and farm pleasantly situated near the Beaver Pond, formerly the property of the Rev. Mr. Colgan.\* The house is fifty-six feet front and rear, and has been lately newly repaired and painted, with several new additional buildings. There are about seventy-five acres of good land, including an orchard capable of

producing sixty barrels of cider yearly. Enquire of Dr. Charles Arding, on the premises. N. B.—Terms of payment easy.

1766, April 4.—At vendue, twelve acres of land late of Richard Valentine, Jr., at Hempstead Harbor, most of it mowing ground and orchard, and eight or ten acres of timber land near. It is pleasantly situated about fifty rods from a landing and grist-mill, convenient for a shop-keeper, tradesman or a gentleman's country seat. Also, cattle, horses and household goods, *per* Williams Seaman and Benjamin Robins, Executors.

1766, July 31.—Whereas, Elizabeth, wife of John Barhite, Jr., of Hempstead, has heretofore run him in debt, these are to warn all persons not to entertain or trust her.

1766, Aug. 7.—Last Thursday evening, Mr. Thomas Parsels, who lived on and owned part of Parsels' Island, is supposed to have attempted to swim on horseback across the river to his own house, as he had said he would and could do so, and the horse had often swum over of his own accord. The saddle was found hung up near the shore, but he and the horse were missing till Monday night, when the man's body was found floating at Hellgate. The horse has not been heard of since.—*Postboy*.

1766, Sept. 18.—Run away from Dow Ditmars 3d, Jamaica, a negro fellow, Tony, of a yellowish complexion, speaks Dutch and English, had on a brown camblet coat and waistcoat, plush breeches and trowsers; 20s. reward. N. B.—All persons are forewarned not to conceal or carry away said negro.

1766, Dec. 29.—Last Monday, Joseph Andrews, mariner, on information that he was one of the villains who murdered Capt. Ruleff Duryea, of the sloop Polly, on her passage to the West Indies, and all the people on board except one, was apprehended at Boston. Two days after his arrival there he had his hair cut off so as to disguise his looks. Many of Duryea's things were found on him, particularly a medal which he wore around his neck and several shirts marked with the initials of his name. A considerable sum of gold was found on him, and he showed great signs of guilt on being first apprehended but denied any knowledge of murder and piracy.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1767, Jan. 19.—Valentine H. Peters and Benjamin Hewlett, Executors, offer for sale the plantation of Dr. Charles Peters, on the north side of Hempstead Plains. It contains two hundred acres clear land in good fence, a large commodious house, barn, out-houses and stone well.

1767, Jan. 19.—For sale, a grist-mill of two pair of stones, at Flushing, on a fine creek, where a boat may be brought up to the side of the mill, within the run of one tide from New York, with four hundred acres of land and meadow, house, barn, orchard and mowing ground. Enquire of

\*This is the Codwise property, now owned by Mr. Latrens Reeve.

Isaac Willet, or David Coledn and James Steyenson, Flushing.

1767, Feb. 2.—Thomas Woodward offers for sale a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, where he lives, one mile from Jamaica, on the road to Flushing. It has eight acres of mowing ground, some low land just cleared and almost ready to receive any sort of grass seed, and an orchard of apples, pears and peaches.

1767, Feb. 12.—To be sold, eighteen acres of land with barn, orchard and some woodland. The house is pleasantly situated within a mile of Flushing landing, on the road to Jamaica. Enquire of Francis Yates, on the premises, or James Parsons, in New York.

1767, March 9.—For sale, the farm of William and Jacob Walton & Co., at Hempstead Harbor. It has a house, barn and two hundred and thirty-four acres, is well timbered and some of it set out with locust trees. There are three orchards and a choice collection of other fruit, all in cedar post fence.

1767.—At three o'clock, in the thick weather of the morning of April 8th, the ship Britannia came ashore on Merrick Beach, three miles south of Hempstead Church. At five the top-masts were cut away and the surf ran so high that no help could be had from the shore. A sailor by the help of a cork-jacket, swam ashore with a line, but had to let go his hold in the breakers. In the afternoon Richard Williams, a free negro, was drowned in a like attempt. The passengers and crew remained in the fore-shrouds that night, but in the morning they made a raft and some got ashore. The weather moderating, the rest were saved, except two seamen drowned by the over-setting of a boat. £1000's worth of the cargo was saved.

1767, April 25.—A match Race for £50 a side, round Beaver Pond, by Merry Andrew and Smoaker, two racers well known to sportsmen, the best of three four-mile heats.

1767, May 7.—For sale or rent, a tract of land of thirty acres, with house, barn, and orchard of five acres, and four of woodland, now occupied by Mrs. Mary Everit, at the eastern part of Little Plains, north side of the King's road from Jamaica to Hempstead. It is all in good fence. Enquire of Robert G. Livingston, New York.

1767, June 28.—20s. Reward.—Run away from John Combes, Jamaica, a negro man, Primus, well set, had on blue frieze coat, leather breeches and blue stockings.

1767, July 17.—The stage wagon, kept by John Rapalje, opposite the stone meeting-house, runs from Jamaica to Brooklyn three times a week, fare two shillings, or three pence a mile any distance between. Said Rapalje keeps a civil house of entertainment for civil gentlemen and ladies.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1767, July 30.—Isaac Smith offers for sale his farm of two hundred and eighty acres, under good improvement and in good fence, in the pleasant village of Herricks. It has good buildings, fine orchard and good timber.

1767, Sept. 21.—For sale, at William Prince's nursery, Flushing, a great variety of fruit trees, such as apple, plum, peach, nectarine, cherry, apricot and pear. They may be put up so as to be sent to Europe. Captains Jacamiah Mitchell and Daniel Clements go to New York, in passage boats, Tuesdays and Fridays.

1767.—To be run for, October 1st, round Beaver Pond, Jamaica, a piece of plate worth £20 or upward, free for any horse not more than quarter blood. Mr. Comes and the judges to be satisfied (on oath if required) of the pedigree. The next day a purse of £5, free for any common horse twice round the Pond to a heat. Horses to start each day at 2 o'clock.

1767.—On Sunday, October 18th, the house of Joseph Checseman, north side of Hempstead Plains, was entirely consumed by fire owing to a foul chimney, which took fire and communicated to the whole building. The neighboring men being all at church no assistance could be afforded to extinguish the flames. The women made shift to save some of the principal furniture. It is surprising people will not be more careful to clean their chimnies in time, when so many accidents happen from foul chimneys.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1767.—To be run for at New Market, on the Great Plains, October 22d, a Purse of £20, free for any horse not over three years old; full blood carrying ten stone; half blood, eight stone, &c. Entrance, 20s. each, with Stephen Cornwell.

1767, Nov. 23.—On Thursday last several men having been employed in digging a well for Mr. John Hall, of Hempstead, all but two went to dinner, who, when the rest returned, were found buried in the well by the falling in of the earth, except that their arms were not covered. At the middle of the afternoon one was got out and at sunset the other. They were both alive; whether hurt or not we have not heard.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1767, Dec. 10.—Adam Lawrence, Sheriff, offers at public vendue, all the lands and tenements of Colonel William Willett, in Flushing, consisting of two hundred and thirty acres of clear upland, eighty of salt meadow joining the upland and forty-four acres of swamp. On it are two new dwelling-houses, one very large, four rooms on a floor and spacious entry, with barns, gardens, orchards and mowing-grounds of English hay. Also, a grist-mill with two stones, on a fine creek within the run of one tide to New York, with water sufficient to bring a loaded boat to the side of the mill, and grind one hundred bushels in twenty-four hours, and make good flour. It is well situated for carrying on the grinding, bolting and bakery business.

1767, *Dec. 17.*—On Monday last was brought to market, a cow only six years old, whose four quarters, hide and tallow weighed one thousand and fifty-four pounds. 'Tis said she was bred by Mr. Samuel Cornell of Flushing.—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1768, *Jan. 1.*—*Card.*—Robert Wooffendale, surgeon-dentist, from London, instructed by the operator for the teeth to his present Majesty, intends residing at Jamaica, during his stay in America, but will attend at New York every Thursday. He performs all operations on the teeth, gums, sockets and palate. Likewise fixes artificial teeth so as to escape discernment, and without pain.—*N. Y. Postboy.*

1768, *Jan. 4.*—For sale a pleasant farm of over two hundred acres, on the road from the Plains to Whitestone Ferry, two miles east of Flushing town. There is a large dwelling-house, a hen-house, smoke-house, weaver's shop, barn, etc. The buildings are all in good repair and the orchard is sufficient to make one hundred and fifty barrels of cider. Also, peaches, plums, pears and cherries, abundant. Much more may be said to recommend it. I have not enumerated the half. I expect the man that chooses to purchase, will first take a view and satisfy himself. Bernardus Ryder on the premises.

1768, *Jan. 11.*—To let, at May-day next, a very good convenient house for a small family, pleasantly situated in Jamaica. It has four rooms on a floor, and a chimney in each, and a garret with two good lodging rooms, with a kitchen next the house, a garden well stocked with fruit trees, and coach-house and stable adjoining. The house has all the necessary conveniences, a cistern for rain water, and the use of the next yard and well. Apply to Judge Horsmanden, at his house, Smith Street, New York.

1768, *Jan. 25.*—Rufel Durye offers at vendue, his farm in Springfield, near the Little Plain Hollow. It contains fifty-five acres, one third woodland, a new barn, a double house with three fire places and finished with pannel-work, and a kitchen adjoining, a garden with peaked-pales around it and an orchard of 100 apple trees—all in good four-rail fence, convenient for a shop or tavern; a tavern is kept now. Also, some cattle and sundry other things too tedious to mention.

1768, *Feb. 22.*—Benjamin Sands, Cow Neck, offers for sale a farm of two hundred and fifty-six acres. It has two houses, two barns, chair-house, two orchards, and is well watered and timbered.

1768, *Feb. 29.*—To be let and entered on immediately, an exceeding good and pleasantly situated house, in Newtown, with a large garden and orchard, and seventeen acres of land. It has a well of pure water and ice-house, and all manner of conveniences. Apply to Mr. George Rapelye, tavern keeper.

1768, *March 4.*—George Weeks offers for sale

a farm of eighty acres, at the head of Hempstead Harbor. The house has a chimney at each end with four rooms on a floor and a pleasant view of said harbor. There are two small barns, two orchards, ten acres mowing ground, and more may be made—all in good fence.

1768, *March 14.*—To be sold by Nathaniel and Lambert Woodward, Jr., a plantation of eight acres; the whole an orchard of the best fruit. It has a dwelling and out-houses, pleasantly situated in the centre of Newtown.

1768, *March 21.*—Thursday evening, a young man, son of Justice Eldert, of Queens County, having been at the election there, at Jamaica, returned home, put up his horse and went to bed, and was found dead in the morning. It is supposed his horse flung him on the way.

1768, *March 21.*—At an election for members of Assembly, at Jamaica, Daniel Kissam had 673 votes; Zebulon Seaman, 604; Thomas Hicks, 252; Rev. Abraham Keteltas, 209.

1768.—To be sold, at the Merchants' Coffee House, New York, March 30th, a pleasant farm at Jamaica, of eighty-six acres, of which fifty-seven is clear land, producing every sort of grain, and half may be mowed, twenty-three acres of woodland, three-quarters of a mile from the house, on the fine road to the bay. A new dwelling-house well finished, four rooms on a floor, a hall twelve feet wide, a spacious piazza on the front fifty-four feet long, a new barn with excellent stables, that will hold fifty loads of fodder. Also, a new out-kitchen, fowl-house, corn-crib, pump, etc. The land is in four-acre lots, greatly improved. There are one hundred and seventy apple trees producing, in a seasonable year, sixty barrels of cider. Also, one hundred and fifty young trees chiefly grafted. There are other trees lately grafted and inoculated with apples, pears, cherries, plums, peaches, nectarines and apricots. The house is beautifully situated on an eminence fronting the Beaver Pond, a quarter of a mile from the town. Apply to Philip Van Cortland, on the premises, who will give the title.\*

1768, *April 18.*—The cold dry weather we have had of late, has been attended with bad consequences to many in the country by the loss of cattle, etc.

1768, *April 25.*—On Thursday morning the house of the Widow, Rapalje, opposite Hell Gate, was burnt by a spark on the roof from the low kitchen chimney. Only three beds were saved.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1768, *April 25.*—To let, in Newtown, a pleasant farm of eighteen acres, formerly in possession of Mr. Watkins, and since of Captain Provost and John French, Esqrs. It has a good house, barn,

\*This place is now owned and occupied by William J. Cogswell, Esq.

and ice-house and other out-houses, with an orchard and mowing-ground for two horses and four cows. John Moore, Jr., will show the house.

1768, May 9.—James Culver offers for sale, a plantation of eight acres, in the centre of Newtown. It has a good house with four rooms and fire-places on a floor, a barn and orchard of one hundred grafted trees. It is convenient for a merchant or tavern-keeper.

1768.—Beaver Pond Races, Monday, May 23d. £20 plate, free for any horse not over four years old this grass, three times round the Pond to a heat, 9s. entrance. The winning horse to pay \$1 for scales and straw. Three must enter or no race. Some late obstructions that much impeded the horses while running, having been removed, it is now become the most beautiful place in all America, for sport, and all lovers of the turf are truly invited.\*

1768, May 30.—\$5 Reward.—Ran away from Daniel Remsen, Jamaica, an Irish servant lad, George Adams. He stole a blue broad-cloth coat with brass buttons, a green velvet jacket, buckskin breeches, 30s. of Jersey bills and a plain gold ring.

1768, June 20.—20s. Reward.—Run away from his master, Caleb Cornwell, Cow Neck, a negro man, Shier, marked with small pox, by trade a caulker. He had on a castor hat, homespun colored jacket and trousers, blue ribbed stockings and brass buckles in his shoes.

1768, June 30.—The horse Bashaw stands at Stephen Van Wyck's, Little Neck. He was bred by the Emperor of Morocco, who sent him as a present to the Dey of Algiers, and he gave him to the Swedish Consul there, who presented him to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, where he won the plates at Sunna, Florence, Pistoia and Sprato; beating, at Florence, the famous English horse Grand Diavolo, and many others of not inferior note. £3 the season. Good pasture, 2s. per week.

1768, July 4.—William Puntine has set up a stage wagon to ply between Jamaica and Brooklyn, at five o'clock, A. M. Fare 18 pence. His wagon is as good as any on the Island and very commodious.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1768, July 14.—John Field, Executor, offers for sale a negro woman, some clocks, watches and the farm of John Wright, less than a mile from Flushing landing. It has twenty acres of level land, part orcharding, mowed yearly. The house has three rooms and fire-places on a floor, and three above stairs. It has a dairy-house, cow-house, chair-house and barrack.

1768, July 14.—John Rapalje has lately repaired his wagon which leaves Jamaica at six

o'clock, A. M. Children under three years of age gratis.

1768, Aug. 8.—Went away from Christopher Heysham, Flushing, by persuasion of some evil-minded person, a hired servant man, John Brown, a Swiss, who speaks French and broken English. He had on buckskin breeches, check shirt and an old hat with a brass button, and a piece of old hat tied round the tops of his shoes. He is addicted to liquor and is, perhaps, ashamed to return. All persons will please persuade him to his interest.

1768, Aug. 22.—Last Sunday week, the wife of Ezekiel Furman, of Newtown, took sick in the meeting-house during divine service in the afternoon, and, being carried to the house of Mr. Fish, she expired a few hours after.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1768, Aug. 29.—20s. Reward.—Run away from William Mott, Great Neck, a young Indian servant fellow, named Stephen, sometimes Pompey. He had on a tow homespun shirt and trousers, old shoes, hat and a gray homespun jacket. It is supposed he may have a pass.

1768, Sept. 8.—All persons indebted to the estate of Daniel Lawrence, deceased, of Flushing, will make payment to Benjamin Kissam, Attorney-at-Law, New York. Also, to be sold at Flushing, October 1st, a likely negro wench. Abraham Lawrence, Executor.

1768, Sept. 12.—Run away from Abraham Lawrence, Flushing, an Irish servant lad, James Lawson, pitted with the small pox, nose pretty long. 40s. reward.

1768, Oct. 3.—Run away from George Ryerson, Foster's Meadow, an indentured Irish servant man, Thomas Mullin, marked with small pox. He had on a short coat with small cuffs, old leather breeches, new felt hat. 20s. reward and charges paid.

1768, Oct. 10.—John and Garret Vanderbilt and Petrus and Hendrick Onderdonk, Executors, offer for sale the farm of the late John Vanderbilt, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, of which fifteen is extraordinary good, called Indian land. It is pleasantly situated at the foot of the Beach, (which extends nearly across Hempstead Harbor) on which a great number of loads of seaweed may be collected, which is very good for manure.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1768, Oct. 17.—For the races at New Market, Oct. 25th and 26th, there are no less than twelve capital coursers on the sod.

1768.—New Market Races, Friday, Oct. 21st. Purse £50. The best of three four-mile heats, free for any horse. Saturday, a purse of £50 for four year old horses. 50s. entrance. Horses to be shown and entered at the starting-post the day before running, in presence of the judges. Disputes will be decided by a majority of the subscribers present. The winning horse each day to pay 50s. to put the course in order. No less than three re-

\*Only two horses appeared, Captain Anthony Rutgers' Queen Kate and Mr. Heard's Lady Legs. A thousand persons were disappointed.

puted horses to be allowed to start at twelve o'clock each day.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1768, Oct. 31.—The following horses started at New Market for one of the subscription purses of £50:

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| Northumberland, | - | - | 1. | 1.   |
| Betsey Leeds.   | - | - | 2. | 2.   |
| Old England,    | - | - | 3. | dr.  |
| Partner,        | - | - | 4. | dis. |

The next day for the other purse of £50.

|                 |   |   |      |     |
|-----------------|---|---|------|-----|
| Lath,           | - | - | 1.   |     |
| Liberty,        | - | - | 2.   | dr. |
| Lady Legs,      | - | - | dis. |     |
| Young Sterling, | - | - | dis. |     |

To-morrow Briton and Sterling run at New Market, for £100, the best of three four-mile heats; and next day Richmond and Dove run for £50.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1768, Nov. 14.—For sale, the plantation of Benjamin Whitehead, Jr., at Jamaica, south side, eighty-five acres. It has a two-story house with three rooms on the lower and four on the upper floor, two fire-places below and one up stairs, barn, stable, corn-crib, orchard, garden, and many other good accommodations; all in good fence.

1768, Nov. 21.—Valentine H. Peters offers for sale the lands and tenements where he now lives, at Hempstead. The house is large and well finished, with out-houses, convenient for public business. There are one hundred acres of land divided into lots convenient to build upon; all in good fence.

1768, Dec. 18.—The New York Society for promoting Arts, adjudged a premium of £10 to Thomas Young, of Oysterbay, for the largest nursery of apple trees. It contains twenty-seven thousand one hundred and twenty-three trees.—*Gain's Mercury.*

1768, Dec. 22.—The voters of Queens County send instructions to their Assemblymen, Seaman and Kissam "on the subversion of the grand characteristics of the British Constitution, taxation by representation." They also complain that trade is languishing, that specie is withdrawn from us by duties, that credit is declining and the paper currency sunk. They wish to have a remonstrance sent to their Sovereign in order to obtain a removal of grievances and also a respectful letter to the Committee of Massachusetts in reply to theirs.

1769, Jan. 30.—To let, the noted mills and farm thereto belonging, at Cold Spring, now in occupation of Rowland Chambers, lately known as Hawkshurst's Mills. Enquire of Nathaniel Marton, New York.

1769, Jan. 30.—To let, a place of forty acres, where George Rapelye lives, in the town-spot of Newtown. It has a double house with entry through the middle, dairy room, and an orchard of pippins, pearmain, Spitzenbergs and other sorts.

It will mow a good burthen of grass, and is suitable for a gentleman's seat, shop-keeper, or tavern, as it has been long occupied in that way.

1769, Feb. 13.—For sale the home-lot of Cornelius Smith, adjoining the County Hall, Jamaica. It has a double house with two fire places, and kitchen at one end and a new shop at the other. The barn is covered with cedar shingles and floored with Jersey two-inch plank. There is also an orchard and chestnut timber. Also, a bark-mill, tan-vats, and a good water-pit ten feet square with a living stream therein, three hundred yards from the door. The place is convenient for a tanner, shop-keeper or tradesman, and especially for a tanner and currier.

1769, Feb. 13.—Tunis Polhemus offers for sale his fulling and grist-mill, two miles south of Jamaica, with ninety acres of land, house, barn, and orchard of two hundred trees.

1769, Feb. 13.—For sale, the farm of David Seaman, deceased, lying between Jerico and Wheatly. It has a barn, crib and other out-houses, two hundred and fifty acres of land, two orchards, of two hundred and fifty trees, a peach orchard and a plenty of cherry trees. Apply to Jacob Searing, on the premises, or to Zebulon, William and David Seaman, or Richard Willets.

1769, March 20.—Caleb Cornwell offers for sale a farm, on Cow Neck, of about forty acres, with house, smoke-house, barn and other small houses, an orchard, peach-orchard, plums of several sorts, cherries and pears. Likewise a sloop on the stocks, thirty-six feet by the keel, streight rabbet, sixteen feet beam, with masts, rigging and sails, all fit for launching in three or four days.

1769, April 3.—Joseph Bowne, of Flushing, offers for sale his house, garden, wharf and store-house, at Flushing landing. The wharf is twenty-six feet wide where a boat may lay along side. Also, half the vessel that Captain Jacamiah Mitchell follows the boating business in.

1769, April 10.—Martin Schenck offers for sale his farm of one hundred and fifty acres, two miles from Jamaica, on the eastern road to Flushing.

1769, April 17.—Israel Hallet offers to let, near the English Kills, a house with three rooms on a floor, two fire-places, a large garden, and pasture for several creatures, and fruit for the summer. It is near the water and forty rods from the landing, where a passage-boat constantly plies to and from New York; and most of the produce of Newtown is exported from said landing.

1769, May 1.—The Rev. Mr. Joshua Bloomer, for the mission of Jamaica, came passenger from England in the ship *Britannia*.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1769, May 18.—This morning, after a long trial before a Court of Admiralty, in the City Hall, Joseph Andrews (or Anderson, a native of Wales,) was found guilty of murder and piracy and con-

demned to be hung for having, in August 1766, in concert with Nicholas Johnson, murdered Rulof Duryea, of Jamaica,\* captain, Peter Demilt, mate, and one Cobb, a cabin-boy; also, two passengers, Wells Coverly and John Van Bunschoten, who was going to the West Indies for his health. Johnson was broken on the rack, and hung at St. Eustatia.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

1769, May 23.—Joseph Andrews was hanged on the shore of the North River. When dead his body was cut down and suspended in chains on a high gallows on the most conspicuous part of Bedlow's Island. He at last confessed the murder and that it was done for money, but denied being concerned in any other.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1770, Jan. 1.—Thomas Brown, fuller, from London, has taken the fulling-mill of Richard Kirk, at Hempstead Harbor, where all persons, whatsoever, may have their cloth done in the neatest manner and on reasonable terms.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1770, Jan. 1.—To gentlemen farmers, etc.—A manufacturer, just arrived from England, has taken the fulling-mill of Tunis Polhemus, south of Jamaica, where all sorts of woollen cloth, serges, linseys, etc., are completely dressed and colored in the English manner; where all possible care will be taken.

1778, March 5.—For sale, the pleasant country seat or farm, where the Rev. John Pierson lived, on the great road from the Ferry to Hempstead. Apply to Waters Smith, near the premises.

1770, March 15.—About three o'clock last Saturday morning, a fire broke out in the house of Captain Samuel Hallet, near Hellgate, which, with most of the furniture, was entirely destroyed. Loss, £1,800. He and his wife were absent. A villain in the neighborhood is suspected.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1770, March 19.—A cow, raised by John Aspinwall, of Flushing, was killed at Jamaica, by Benjamin Carpenter, butcher. It was nine years old and weighed, in beef, hide and tallow, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen pounds.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1770, April 16.—Carpenter's Jamaica stage, in summer, must set off in the morning between five and six o'clock, and not leave Brooklyn ferry till about the same time in the evening. For single passengers, eighteen pence. Woman with a child two shillings. Every cwt. of sugar, &c., one shilling. A small bundle or handkerchief, coffee, &c., (if the wagoner buys them) 4d. to 6d. Every letter delivered and a return, 3d. A basket or bunch of fish, if delivered to him, 2d.; if bought by him, 4d. A five-gallon keg of wine or a small trunk, 6d.; a large trunk, one shilling.

\*Duryea was leaning his head, asleep, on a chicken coop when he received the fatal blow, and died without a groan.

Passengers taken and delivered no further east than Captain Barnaby Burns', and no further west than Dr. Arding's, without extra pay.

1770, April 23.—Richard Kirk has lately set up a fulling-mill at Hempstead Harbor, which is as well calculated as any on the Island, having a stock of the largest size, and water sufficient to keep her constantly going, and no other mill on the stream to take off her water. The mill stands within four rods of the Harbor, where a craft may come up. Any leather-dressers inclined to favor me with their custom, may depend on being used well and on reasonable terms. N.B.—The names of the masters of the three sloops that attend said Harbor are Clarke Lawretice, Joshua Pine and Gilbert Seaman.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1770, May 28.—A dead whale, sixty feet long, was driven ashore at Rockaway.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1770, July 5.—A comet has, for some time, appeared, which moves west-northerly, with great velocity, but we have not been able to get a satisfactory account of it.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1771.—On Monday, January 21st, four young men riding on Hempstead Plains near Mr. Waters' tavern, to try the speed of their horses, in a frolic, set out on a race, when one of them named Whitson, living a mile from that place, near the village of Bethpage, stopping his horse too suddenly it fell upon him and fractured his skull so that he died immediately.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1771.—Thomas Tobias, of Oysterbay, petitions the Governor for relief. He lost a lawsuit while in a gaol. His sister tore off the roof of his house and, with other outrages, frightened his wife and children from the homestead left him by his father, which she pretends to claim.—*Col. Mss., Vol. 97.*

1771, Feb. 7.—William Sackett, Jr., offers for sale his very beautifully situated and convenient house and lot of thirty acres, at the head of Maspeth Creek, being the public landing, seven miles from New York by land or water, well situated for a shop or tavern, and has a right to a stream sufficient to erect a mill with one or two pair of stones. The public road from the Ferry to Newtown leads by the place at a convenient distance. The house has a pretty prospect of meadows and creeks. Oysters, fish and crabs plenty in their season. Large barn and other outhouses.

1771, Feb. 21.—Died, at Flushing, Friday last, Rebecca, the amiable consort of Major Robert Bayard, daughter of the Hon. Charles Apthorpe, of Boston, universally regretted by all who had the honor of her acquaintance.

1771, March 2.—On Saturday night the well known Adam Smith broke into the cabin of Zebulon Waterman's boat, lying in Peck Slip, New York, and took out the captain's chest, bedding, wearing apparel and £6 in cash. He then went with his wife to a tavern near the Slip, and having

a bundle under his coat it raised suspicion. Next day, diligent search being made for him, he was arrested and some goods found on him. Whereupon he confessed and was committed. He was tried, January 21st, for burglary, and sentenced to be hanged February 21st, 1772. In his dying confession Smith says he was born at Oysterbay, in 1750, of poor but honest parents, who brought him up without learning, though they instructed him in the principles of the Christian religion. On coming to New York he fell into bad company, and was thus brought to an untimely end.—*N. Y. Journal*, March 7, 1771, and Jan. 30, 1772.

1771, March 28.—Saturday evening last, died, suddenly, on the road to Jamaica, Captain Barnaby Byrne. He came to town that morning with Mrs. Byrne and on their return home in the evening, he was taken ill on the road about a mile from his own house, and being carried into Mr. Betts', opposite the church, in Jamaica, there expired.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1771, April 18.—The past winter was mild till February, when it was succeeded by a cold stormy spring with short intervals of warm weather, which has retarded the springing of vegetables and grass. For some days past the wind has been high at N. W., and the air as cold as winter. On Tuesday it snowed for some hours. The wind and weather has prevented the usual supplies of wood, raising the price to the extraordinary height of 36s. per cord for nut and 24s. for oak, the like hardly ever known before at this time of the year.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1771, April 28.—To be sold by public vendue, the household furniture of Barnaby Byrne, deceased, with a great variety of fashionable plate, some horses, cows, wagons, farming utensils, two negro men, and one negro woman with a young child. The negroes are good servants fit for city or country service. Also, the farm of forty-three acres, arable and mowing ground, whereon is an excellent house, barn, stable, chaise-house, cider-house, cider-mill, two orchards and a garden. William Bayard or Terence Kerin, Executors, or Mrs. Jane Byrne, on the premises, or Mr. John Long, New York.

1771, May 24.—To be sold, a pleasant farm, at Whitestone, on the Sound side of Long Island, of about three hundred acres. Enquire of Francis Lewis, on the premises, who has also farming negroes for sale.

1771, June 3.—£5 Reward and charges.—Run away from Matthew Franklin, Flushing, a lad sixteen years of age, Thomas Farrington, (inticed away by his brother Daniel, as is supposed). He had on a wool hat with a button and loop, a brown homespun coat, linen vest, velvet breeches, and shoes half worn. He took with him a red and white dog partly of the hound breed.

1771, June 10.—John Hewlett, Oysterbay, of-

fers forty shillings reward and charges, for a runaway negro, Jack, who has big ankles, toes small and walks stooping; wore a blue coat and buckskin breeches; had plenty of money and may forge a pass.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1771, July 18.—Sarah Burling offers for sale a good grist and fulling-mill, on a good stream of water, with fifty acres of land, about a mile and a half from Flushing landing. It has a house, barn, out-houses, dye-house, and all other conveniences for carrying on the clothier's business. The whole in good repair. There is a good orchard and extraordinary good mowing ground, and more may be easily made.

1771, July 23.—The creditors of Mrs. Elizabeth Seabury, and of the late S. Seabury, are requested to meet at Timothy Clowes', in the town-spot of Hempstead, to prove their accounts and receive their dividends from Richard Hewlett and S. Clowes, Trustees.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1771.—Benjamin Cheeseman, north side of Hempstead Plains, offers 40s. reward for a black mare, stolen in the night of July 21st.

1771, July 25.—We hear from Newtown, that one Birch, an Englishman, aged sixty, a poor man who had been some years in these parts; and in the late war had been a soldier in the Provincial service, was found on Monday morning dead in the garret of the house where he lived. He held one end of a rope in his hand which he had thrown over a beam. He had often tried to get to England where he had a wealthy sister, but could not get money for the passage.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1771, Aug. 27.—Broke from Jamaica Jail, on Sunday night last, Levi Moses and Theodorus Benjamin, both Jews, who have been confined for some years past. Masters of vessels and others are forewarned to carry them off at their peril. Thomas Willett, Sheriff.

1771, Sept. 2.—Beaver Pond Race. Purse, £25 for any horse except Whitehead Cornell's *Steady*, and Timothy Cornell's *Richmond*. Horses to be entered with Widow Combs, Jamaica.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1771, Sept. 12.—The Purse of £100, by the Macaroni Club, was run for at New Market, last Monday, by Mr. Delancey's horse *Lath*, and Mr. Waters' horse *Liberty*, which was won with great ease by the former. As a field could not be made the next day for the purse of £50, the matter was postponed till the next season.

1771, Sept. 30.—These are to inform the public that the manufactory lately carried on by Washington & Gants, at Oysterbay, will still be carried on by Messrs. Hunt & Chew, who have furnished themselves with all manner of ingredients from England.

N. B.—Said W. & G. have been at immense expense to procure workmen from the west of

England and find them very capable.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1772, Jan. 30.—Died, some time since, of putrid fever, at St. Eustatia, where he had lately settled, aged 21, Dr. Benjamin Onderdonk, eldest son of Mr. Hendrick Onderdonk, of Long Island. A young gentleman of very amiable character and much lamented by all the inhabitants.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1772, March 5.—Zebulon Seaman, second son of Tenperance S. and Robert Seaman, second son of Hannah S., daughters of John Williams, late of Jerico, are allowed by the Assembly to take the name of Williams, conformable to the will of John Williams who devised them lands in Oysterbay.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1772, April 9.—Dr. Jacob Ogden offers for sale his farm of forty acres, on which is a large new genteel house, fronting the road from Jamaica to New York, a fourth of a mile west from the town. There is a large barn, smoke-house, and other convenient buildings, an orchard, peach orchard, and a large garden in which are three asparagus beds, and all conveniences necessary for a gentleman's seat. The pleasantness and advantages of the house are more easily seen on the spot than described, standing on the road to New York market. Mutton, venison, and all sorts of poultry in their season, wild fowl, fish, oysters and clams may be had the whole year.

1772.—*Races*.—The Macaroni purse of £100, at Newmarket, June 2d, was won by Captain Delancey's *Bashaw*, beating Mr. Richard Thorne's mare, *Rainbow*, and Mr. Waters' *Slouch*. The £50 purse, next day, was won by Mr. Waters' horse, *King Herod*, who beat Captain Delancey's filly.—*N. Y. Gazette*.

1772, June 18.—On Thursday last, two companies of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, under command of Colonel James, marched from New York to encamp on Hempstead Plains for the summer season.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1772, Aug. 31.—Daniel Thorne and Henry Woolley, Executors, offer for sale the farm of Joseph Cornwell, of Flushing, deceased, consisting of near three hundred acres, joining Success Pond. The house is two-stories with six rooms on a floor and four fire-places. There are two shingled barns, an orchard of apple and other fruit trees, and timberland convenient to a boat that attends twice a week.

1772, Aug. 31.—Nicholas Van Dyck has bought the fulling-mill at Flushing, late Sarah Burling's, and employs Jonathan Davis, who understands the fulling business in all its branches, and will be obliged to the public for their business. Cloth may be left at Jacob Sharp's, Brooklyn Ferry; Leffert Lefferts, Esq., Bedford; William Howard's Half-way house, and William Betts', Jamaica, and it will be duly forwarded.

1772, Nov. 2.—For sale the remarkably pleasant and well cultivated farm of John Hoogland, at Flushing, in a good neighborhood, within a quarter of a mile of the town and half a mile of the landing, whence boats go to New York twice a week. The house has eight rooms and three fire-places on the lower floor. There is a cedar-covered barn, mill-house, hen-house, and one hundred and twenty acres of land in sizeable lots, a large fresh meadow before the door that cuts thirty loads of hay in a season and springs within sixty yards. There is an orchard and choice fruit trees. Enquire of Elbert Hoogland, Flushing.

1773, Jan. 11.—Thomas Youngs, of Oysterbay, has about eight hundred handsome apple trees to dispose of. Those in want may give in their names to Mr. John Rapelye, Brooklyn Ferry, who is to have one hundred. They will be delivered there in good order for 7d. a tree.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1773, Jan. 11.—To be sold or let, a farm of over two hundred acres of arable land, pleasantly situated north side of Hempstead Plains, with an elegant house containing seventeen rooms and ten fire-places, a large barn and other outhouses, orchard, etc. It is so well accomplished for a gentleman's seat, merchant or farmer, that it stands in no need of any rhetoric to set it off. Enquire of Joseph Greswold, on the premises.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1773, Feb. 22.—To be sold, by John Carl, a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, lying by the Sound, a mile east of Whitestone, and within three miles of Flushing town. It has a plenty of orcharding, a dwelling-house with five rooms on a floor, a barn, and a good spring by the door, a grist-mill with one pair of stones, and very convenient to transport by water to New York from the mill-tail.

1773, March 8.—Widow Keziah Comes and Henry Dawson, Executors, offer for sale the large dwelling-house with six fire-places, late of John Comes, deceased, in the town spot of Jamaica, with fifty acres of land. On it are two barns, two cribs, etc. It is convenient for a store or tavern. Also, two pleasure sleighs, riding chair, etc.

1773, March 15.—For sale, the farm of Zebulon Frost, deceased, in Oysterbay, two miles from the town. There are two hundred acres with house, barn, a grist-mill and fulling-mill on a fine stream, and is well situated for country custom. Apply to Benjamin Townsend, Jerico; Benjamin Coles, Musqueto Cove, or Penn Frost, Matinecock.

1773, March 25.—Samuel Renny offers for sale a pleasant situation of sixty acres, in Newtown. On it is a two-story house with entry and four rooms, with fire-places on each floor, a barn, coach-house and outhouses. It was formerly occupied by Ralph Izard, Esq. Also, another house, barn and nine acres of ground, in the town spot, suitable for a tradesman or merchant.

1773, April 18.—*Teacher wanted.*—Any person well qualified to teach school, by being well recommended, may hear of very good encouragement by applying to Andries Hegeman or Daniel Kissam, Cow Neck.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, May 4 and 5.—The horses entered for the race of New Market, Tuesday, are James Delancey's bay horse *Lath*, Mr. Waters' bay horse *King Herod*, and Mr. Taylor's bay horse *Amphion*. For Wednesday, James Delancey's bay filly *Slamaken*, Mr. Heard's bay colt *Archer*, and Mr. Parker's bay colt *Xanthus*.

1773, May 10.—The £50 purse was run for on Tuesday, by James Delancey's bay horse *Bashaw*, and Israel Waters' bay mare *Nettle*; the latter winning. Three other horses were entered but a rider light enough could not be found for *Lath*, which occasioned none of them to run. And on Wednesday, the plate of £30 was run for by James Delancey's bay mare *Slamakin* and Mr. Heard's bay colt *Archer*; the former winning.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, May 27.—To the leather-dressers of New York. There is erected an extraordinary good fulling-mill on Cow Neck, within a quarter of a mile of the landing, very handy for leather-dressers, plenty of water and every thing handy for business, with board and lodging (if wanted). The boats may come within a quarter of a mile of the mill and the subscriber\* will fetch and carry the skins from the boats to the mill *gratis*. For particulars enquire of Samuel Casey, Jr., silk-dyer and skinner, opposite Trinity Church, New York.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, June 3.—To be sold, the well known large and convenient mills of William and Jacob Walton & Co., at Pembroke, thirty miles from New York, with dwelling-house, bake-house and stores, twenty-two acres of land, with orchard of best grafted fruit trees, large garden and three acres of meadows. The stream affords plenty of water and fine trout in the dryest season. The upper mill has one pair of stones and water to grind the year through; the lower, on the same stream has two pair. A boat with one thousand bushels of wheat may unload along side. The country is healthy and pleasant, the neighborhood good. If prompt payment is not convenient, bonds will be taken.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, July 1.—John Ludlow with his sister-in-law, on their way to Flushing, was so injured by his horse running away with the chair, near Powles Hook ferry, that he died at Flushing in two or three days, and was there buried on Sunday.

1773, July 5.—Last Monday morning, a little before sunrise a smart shock of an earthquake was felt at Newtown, Jamaica and Foster's Meadow.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

\*The subscriber forgot to add his name, but it is supposed to be Baxter.—*Ed.*

1773, July 26.—Wednesday last the barn of Mr. ———, at Newtown, was burnt by lightning, with a quantity of hay, wheat, rye, etc., to a considerable amount.

Country people ought to be informed to place a lightning rod on their barns to prevent their being struck by lightning; for dry hay is very apt to draw it.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, Sept. 2.—Yesterday evening we had a very severe hail storm. Some of the stones weighed two ounces, and almost filled a wine glass.—*Riv. Gaz.*

1773, Sept. 20.—Jacob Foster, Rockaway, offers for sale a house and two acres of ground in the town spot of Jamaica. It has an orchard of all sorts of fruit, a barn, stable, and a shop with a fireplace in it, fit for any tradesman, but would suit a merchant, or tavern-keeper, as a tavern has been kept there many years.

1773, Oct. 11.—The printer of the New York *Mercury*, in conjunction with two of his friends, Henry Remsen and Hendrick Onderdonk, having lately erected a paper-mill at Hempstead Harbor, at very great expense the existence of which entirely depends on a supply of rags, which are too often thrown away in the fire or swept out of doors and are now much wanted; he therefore most humbly entreats the assistance of the good people of this Province, and city in particular, to assist him in this undertaking which will be a saving of some hundreds per annum to the colony, which has constantly been sent out of it for paper of all sorts for the past forty years, the manufacturing of which has but very lately originated here. The highest price will be given for rags by the public's servant, Hugh Gaine.

1773, Oct. 20.—For sale, the farm of Joseph Burr, deceased, near Herricks, one hundred and thirty-seven acres, well improved, new buildings, young orchard. Also, a *Potash-house*, convenient for carrying on the potash business.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, Dec. 20.—All persons are forbid trespassing on the manor of Queens village, on Lloyd's or Horse Neck, or fishing or gunning there as the deer which the owners stocked it with are all killed. Henry, John, Joseph and James Lloyd, offer £20 reward for the discovery of offenders.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1773, Dec. 27.—About 10 o'clock last Thursday morn'g, the house of the Hon. George Duncan Ludlow, Esq., third Judge of the Supreme Court of this Province, at Hempstead Plains [Hyde Park], took fire and was burnt to the ground with almost every thing therein contained, but providentially no lives were lost. Mr. L. had been in New York the day before and was scarce three hours at home before his house was all in flames. The fire originated, as is supposed, by means of some sparks that found their way

through the crack of an old chimney and communicated to the wooden work of one of the rooms above. The loss Mr. L. sustains by this accident cannot be less than £3,000, for besides the loss of his furniture, plate, etc., a library worth £1,200 is entirely consumed.\*—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, Jan. 10.—For sale, a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, at Wheatly, late the property of Robert Crooker, of Rye; also, the corner house in Oysterbay town, now in possession of Aaron Burtis, with a bake-house and two acres of land, mostly woods. It is convenient for any business. Apply to John Monfort, Wheatly, Timothy Titus, or William Crooker, of Rye.

1774, Jan. 17.—Jonathan Fish, New York, offers for sale a farm of one hundred acres, in Newtown, in tenure of Leffert Lefferts, within a quarter of a mile of three churches. It has a cider-mill, mill-house, orchard and sixteen acres of hay land. Also, partly adjoining the above, a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, in tenure of John Voorhees, including a house and lot, in tenure of John Cross. On it is a nursery of some thousands of apple trees. Also, the noted corner-house, now occupied by Mr. Abraham Rapelye, with seventy acres of land. On it are a cider-mill, mill-house and other outhouses.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, Jan. 17.—Matthias Van Dyck offers for sale his valuable farm adjoining the King's road leading to Jamaica, half a mile from Flushing town. It contains one hundred and thirty-five acres, and will cut forty loads of hay, and has five orchards that will make seventy hogsheads of cider per year. There are three barracks, a barn, coach-house, wagon-house, chair-house, smoke-house, fowl-house and other outhouses too tedious to mention, all under shingle roofs.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, Jan. 29.—As Dr. William Lawrence, of Musquito Cove, was returning from New York, in a sleigh, with Jordan Coles and the widow of Thorne Carpenter, in descending a long steep hill near home, where a large rock projects in the road, the horses took fright and one ran against the rock and was killed, and the people thrown out of the sleigh. Lawrence was but little hurt, Coles considerably and Mrs. Carpenter much more so; her eye being injured.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, March 10.—Died, on Friday last, at the family seat, Mrs. Elizabeth Colden, lady of Alexander Colden, Surveyor-General of this Province, and second daughter of Richard Nicolls, Esq., of this city, aged forty-nine. She was interred in a vault at Trinity Church.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1774, March 14.—William Prince, at his nursery, Flushing landing, offers for sale one hundred and ten large Carolina magnolia flower trees, raised

from the seed—the most beautiful trees that grow in America—4s. per tree, four feet high; fifty large catalpa flower trees, 2s. per tree. They are nine feet high to the under part of the top, and thick as one's leg; thirty or forty almond trees that begin to bear, 1s. and 6d. each; fifty fig trees, 2s. each; two thousand five hundred white, red and black currant bushes, 6d. each; gooseberry bushes, 6d.; Lisbon and Madeira grape vines; five thousand hautboy, chili, large English and American strawberry plants; one thousand five hundred white and one thousand black mulberry trees. Also, Barcelona filbert trees, 1s.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, March 24.—Saturday last, the Hon. Cadwallader Colden, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, arrived here from his seat, at Flushing, in good health.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1774.—The managers of the Newtown Lottery assure the public that the second class will begin drawing March 29th. A few tickets are yet to be had of Messrs. Hallet & Hazard, Broome & Platt, John Murray, Thomas Crabb, and Berrien & Fish.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, March 28.—Waters Smith, Jamaica, offers for sale a farm of forty acres, adjoining the church glebe, Newtown, now in the occupation of Mr. Abraham Riker, convenient for a gentleman or shopkeeper, as it has long been occupied in that way.

1774, March 31.—To let, the noted and pleasantly situated house, outhouses and garden, and two or four acres of land, in the town spot of Flushing, now in possession of Mrs. Mary Wilson. It has four rooms on the lower floor and as many above, and an entry above and below, and is an excellent stand for a gentleman, merchant or tavern-keeper. Enquire of William Pricce, at Flushing landing.

1774, April 11.—The case long depending in Chancery between Mr. Bloomer, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, and Hinchman and Edsall, Church Wardens, (who refused to pay his salary) was decided by Governor Tryon, the Chancellor, in favor of the former, each party to pay their own costs. The Governor's lady, Mrs. Tryon, before her departure for London, gave the costs (£80) to the losing party, to alleviate their misfortune.

1774, April 25.—Last week the house of Williams Seaman, near Jerico, was consumed with all its furniture. Mrs. S. was so badly burnt that she died in consequence.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, May 2.—Wanted, a master to take charge of the Grammar-school, at Newtown. Any person properly qualified and well recommended, will meet encouragement. Apply to Mr. Benjamin Moore.

1774, May 3.—By Act of Assembly, two Fairs for Queens County are to be held at Jamaica, on the first Tuesday in May and third, in October; each to continue four days.

\*This house was rebuilt, and again, from a like cause burnt down May 26, 1819, while in the occupancy of William Cobbet.

To John Rapelye, Esq., of Jamaica. Governor and Superintendent of the Fairs to be held in said town.

The humble address of the inhabitants of said town.

We, the inhabitants of said town, beg leave to approach your worship with hearts replete with sincere joy and satisfaction; and at the same time to congratulate you on your appointment as Governor of said Fairs, a station (though inferior to your abilities) yet we really hope may be an introduction to one more important; as we are fully convinced of your being adequate to a more arduous task; and are fully desirous and will, as much as in us lies, promote your interest in every respect.

Please to accept this tribute of our good wishes, and believe us to be, with real sincerity of hearts, your well wishers and sincere friends. Signed, by order,

ROBERT BROOKS, *Clerk*.

Dated at Jamaica, this 4th day of May, 1774.

*Gentlemen*: With a heart overflowing with gratitude, I return you my sincere thanks for your kind address and good wishes towards me; and hope my future conduct in the discharge of the several duties incumbent on me, will always merit your approbation.

I am, gentlemen, with respect, your most obliged and obedient servant.

JOHN RAPELYE.

Jamaica, 4th day of May, 1774.

1774.—*Newmarket Races*, May 11th—a sweepstake of one hundred and twenty-five guineas, half forfeit, by horses the property of five subscribers. On the 12th a contribution purse of £50, free for any horse, the best of three four-mile heats. Horses to be shown and entered at the starting post the day before running. A half Johannes entrance. No crossing, jostling or other foul play.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, *June 13*.—\$5 reward to any one who shall secure him in any of His Majesty's jails. Run away from Abraham Lawrence, Flushing, a negro man, George, of a yellow complexion. He had on buff colored, half worn velvet breeches, and has bushy hair which he wears tied behind, and commonly wears his hat cocked.

1774, *June 13*.—To be sold, by Joseph Woodward, Newtown (for want of employ) a likely negro boy, ten years old, and has had the small pox.

1774, *July 4*.—Joseph and John Reade and Richard Yates offer for sale the corner-house and lot of land of Lawrence Reade, deceased, situate where four cross-roads meet, in Jamaica, and occupied as a tavern a great many years. There are fifteen acres, with two brick houses, one a double house in occupation of William Betts, tavern-keeper, fifty feet front; the other, built a few years ago, is occupied by Joseph Robinson. There are two barns, garden, fruit trees, etc.

1774, *July 18*.—Cider-vinegar, or live-stock of

any sort, for shipping, supplied at reasonable rates by William Keese, who goes in the Flushing passage boat, twice a week, and may be spoken with every Tuesday and Friday, at Beekman Slip, New York.\*

1774, *July 18*.—The grammar-school, at Newtown, is still continued by a young gentleman who comes well recommended, Mr. Charles Duffee; who will prepare pupils for college in an easy and expeditious manner, and will take equal care of their morals and tuition. Boarding on the spot in genteel families.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774.—On Sunday, August 14th, Lambert Moore, Esq., Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs for the port of New York, was married to the agreeable Miss Gertrude, daughter of Mr. Hendrick Onderdonk, of Hempstead Harbor.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1774, *Oct. 13*.—New Market Races. £20 Purse to be run for by three or four year old horses, (full-bloods excepted) the best of three two-mile heats, to win. 20s. entrance. Certificates from the breeders to be shown. On the 14th a saddle to be run for by horses five years old or upwards. The three heats to be one mile each. 5s. entrance. No horse to run that has ever started for the value of 50s.

1774, *Dec. 5*.—Last Thursday evening as Mr. Luke Eldert was going home in his wagon from Brooklyn, a mile from the Ferry, he was met with by Daniel Everett, on horseback, and before they could get out of the way of each other, the wagon-tongue ran into Mr. Everett's body, of which wound he died immediately.

1775, *Feb. 20*.—Two lads, one named Hamilton, aged sixteen, and the other Roberts, aged twelve, were racing with their wagon and horses at Newtown, when by a jolt they both fell out, and, being run over, were killed.—*Gaine's Mercury*.

1775, *March 6*.—Several of the negroes at Jamaica, we hear, were last week committed to the jail there for a conspiracy to destroy the whites. Most of the slaves for many miles around, 'tis said, are concerned in this plot.†—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1775, *May 17th*, was observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer by the congregations of the Reformed Protestant Dutch churches, in this and the Province of New Jersey.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1775, *May 19*.—Thomas Smith, John Hewlett and John Townsend, Justices, of Oysterbay, hearing of anonymous advertisements being set up to notify the people to appear at Jamaica, the 22d inst., to choose Deputies to form a Convention to carry the Resolves of the Continental Congress into execution, take this method to perpetuate to

\*John Yates was Captain of the other Flushing Boat.—*Ed.*

†This proved a false report, but it shows how ready the masters were to suspect their slaves.—*Ed.*

posterity, that they pay no regard to any matter contrary to the sacred oath they have taken to keep the peace of the county, as far as they are able.—*Town Records.*

1775.—Thursday, July 30th, by recommendation of the Continental Congress, was observed with the utmost solemnity, by Fasting, Abstinence, and Devotion. In all the churches were large congregations, and excellent discourses delivered from the several pulpits, expressive of the truly calamitous situation of this unhappy Continent.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1775, Oct. 16.—Jacob Duryee and Albert Terhunen, Executors, offer for sale the homestead of Jost Duryea, near Old Neck, at Jamaica South, containing seventy-two acres, on which is a grist-mill of one pair of stones, mill-house, bolting-house. Also a fine healthy negro boy ten years old.

1775, Nov. 30.—To be sold, a house and lot of land of five acres, with barn and good bearing apple orchard, in the most populous part of the town of Oysterbay, opposite the Church, and half a mile from the landing, where boats attend weekly from New York—convenient for a merchant, mechanic or tavern. Apply to Benjamin Underhill, New York, or Silvanus Townsend, Cedar Swamp.

#### IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12, 1775.

Whereas, this Congress has received undoubted information, that a number of disaffected persons in Queen's County, have been supplied with arms and ammunition, from on board the Asia ship of war, and are arraying themselves in military manner to oppose the measures taking by the United Colonies, for the defence of their just rights and privileges Ordered that, of

| <i>Jamaica Township.</i>    | <i>Hempstead Township.</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Captain Benjamin Whitehead, | Just. Gilbert Van Wyck,    |
| *Charles Ardin,             | Daniel Kissam, Esq.,       |
| Joseph French, Esq.,        | Cowneck,                   |
| Johannes Polhemus,          | Captain Jacob Mott,        |
|                             | *Thos. Cornell, of Rock-   |
|                             | away,                      |
|                             | Gabriel G. Ludlow,         |
|                             | *Richard Hewlet,           |
|                             | Captain Charles Hicks,     |
|                             | Doctor Samuel Martin,      |
|                             | Justice Samuel Clowes.     |
|                             | <i>Oyster Bay.</i>         |
|                             | Justice Tho. Smith, Hog    |
|                             | Island.                    |
|                             | *Justice John Hewlet,      |
|                             | Captain George Weeks,      |
|                             | Doctor David Brooks,       |
|                             | Justice John Townsend.     |
| <i>Flushing Township.</i>   |                            |
| *John Willet.               |                            |

being charged as principal men among the disaffected in said county, do attend this Congress, at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning next, the 19th inst., to give satisfaction to this Congress in the premises, and that they be protected from any injury or

insult during their coming to and returning from this Congress.

1776, Jan. 3.—A majority of the inhabitants of Queens County having deserted the American cause, the Continental Congress ordered Colonel Heard to take six hundred minute men and three hundred regulars and proceed to Queens County and disarm every person who voted against sending Deputies to the Provincial Congress, and apprehend the twenty-six principal persons named above. Accordingly Colonel Heard scoured the county, imposed a test oath on four hundred and seventy-one delinquents, disarmed three hundred and forty-nine others, and carried off nearly one thousand muskets, some powder and lead, and nineteen of the principal disaffected persons, seven (to whose names a star is prefixed) having fled from their homes. These persons were subsequently discharged on giving bonds for their peaceable deportment.

1776, Jan. 8.—To be sold at vendue, the farm of Dr. John Innis, deceased, about two miles west of Jamaica, on both sides of the road leading to New York ferry. It consists of about two hundred acres in a healthy dry situation, exceedingly natural for wheat, Indian corn and pasture. On it are three orchards—part grafted with the finest fruit that could be procured—Newtown pippins in abundance, golden pippins, golden russetings, spitzenberghs, bow-apples, adamites, etc. Pears, peaches, plums, Madeira-nut and black-walnut trees, in great plenty, two dwelling-houses, corn-cribs, fowl-house, smoke-house and house of office, a large garden, with gravel walks, a quarter of which yields as fine asparagus as any in the Province. Peter and James Innes, Executors, living on the premises will give a good title.

N. B.—About two miles due north-west from the town of Hempstead, sixty-five acres of as good land as any belonging to the great Plains, every corner of which has a stone marked with the initial letter of my name I\* I. The land was surveyed and recorded by Justice Smith, near Westbury.

1776, Jan. 22.—To be let, by James Way, the tenement that Jacob Hallet now lives on, at Newtown landing; also a large pettianger. The place is convenient for business: First, for carrying passengers to New York; second, for a butcher; third, for a dry-goods store; fourth, for marketing; fifth, for buying and selling country produce for the city; sixth, for a house of entertainment. Also, another house within twenty rods of said landing pleasantly situated for a gentleman's country seat. A variety of fish, oysters and crabs may be caught in the season, within a quarter of a mile of the house. Also, several other tenements to let, within a mile of said landing.

1776, March 21.—Last Thursday night, at twelve o'clock, the house of James Hughston, merchant, at Jamaica, was burnt. The family

were in bed at the time, and nothing was saved but two beds, a desk, chest and trunk. The contents of his store, consisting of West India and dry goods and £100 in bills, were entirely consumed. Loss, £2,000. or £3,000.—*Holt's N. Y. Journal.*

In Committee for the district of Cow Neck, etc., March 27th, 1776:—Whereas, sundry disaffected persons have moved into this neighborhood, whereby the district instead of an asylum for the good and virtuous, is become a nest to those noxious vermin; it has become the part of prudence, and in its effects, of necessity, to put an end to such proceedings for the future, by the most speedy and effectual measures for the public good. Be it therefore *Resolved*, That no manner of person presume to move into this District after the first of April, without a certificate from the Chairman of the Committee of the District whence he removed, that he is friendly to the cause of his bleeding country. By order,

BENJ'N. SANDS, *Chairman.*

*A Card.*—An inhabitant of Cow Neck presents his respectful compliments to Mr. Sands, Chairman of the Committee, and begs he will rectify an omission he has been guilty of, by not mentioning the names at large of those disaffected persons whom he styles "noxious vermin," in the Committee's Resolve published last week.—*N. Y. Packet, April 4th, 1776.*

*To the Printer.*—In Committee for the District of Cow Neck, &c., April 8th, 1776:—*SIR*: Whereas a Card has lately made its appearance in your paper requesting the names of those disaffected persons called "noxious vermin," in the Committee's Resolve of 27th March last. Although it is inexpedient to comply with this request, yet if the anonymous author applies to this Committee, he shall have satisfaction with regard to himself. By order,

BENJ'N. SANDS, *Chairman.*

1776., April 13.—*To the Provincial Congress, New York*:—We, the subscribers, inhabitants of Jamaica, have lately been plundered of our cattle and effects by order of Captain Ephraim Bailey, for not appearing in arms at military drill to answer to our names, when it is known we have been deprived of them by Colonel Heard. We therefore pray that you will give us such relief, as you may think necessary.

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| Nathaniel Mills, | Joseph Oldfield, |
| Jabez Woodruff,  | Samuel Mills,    |
| Joshua Mills,    | John Remsen,     |
| John Lambertson, | Dirck Bergen,    |
| Nicholas Ludlam, | Peter Mills,     |
| Abraham Colyer,  | Jacob Deau.      |

1776, June 5.—The Provincial Congress resolved that, Whereas, a hostile armament is expected here, the following persons in Queens County be brought before a committee of this body to show cause why they should be considered friends to the American cause, viz:

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| Dr. Charles Arden,†  | Joseph Beagle,*      |
| David Brooks,†       | John Bowdin,*        |
| David Beatty,†       | Samuel Clowes,†      |
| David Colden,†       | John Chave,*         |
| Richard Colden,†     | Thomas Cornwell,*    |
| Samuel Doughty,†     | Isaac Denton,*       |
| George Folliot,†     | Thomas Hicks,†       |
| Archibald Hamilton,† | Richard Hewlett,*    |
| Whitehead Hicks,†    | Stephen Hewlett,*    |
| Charles Hicks,†      | John Hewlett,*       |
| Samuel Hallet,†      | Thomas Jones,†       |
| Daniel Kissam,†      | John Kendal,*        |
| Gabriel G. Ludlow,†  | George D. Ludlow,†   |
| Benjamin Lester,†    | Nathaniel Moore,†    |
| Samuel Martin,†      | John Moore, senior,† |
| John Polhemus,†      | Thomas Smith,†       |
| John Shoals,†        | John Townsend,†      |
| Gilbert Van Wyck,†   | Benjamin Whitehead,† |
| John Willet,†        | William Weyman,†§    |

1776, June 9.—Some of the disaffected people of Hempstead having armed and hid themselves in a swamp, at the head, of what was then, Demott's mill-pond, Gen. Green, commanding on Long Island, sent a party of soldiers there who, after a skirmish, arrested the following persons and delivered them, with a descriptive list, to General Greene:

Joseph Dorlon and John Hutchings, from Jamaica jail.

John Carman. He received powder and absconded in the woods.

Andrew Allen. A disaffected person, taken in the woods.

Jacob Lambertson. Found with his gun charged. Benjamin Pettit. He was in the swamp, in the fight, and had powder from the Asia, man-of-war.

Ezekiel Rainer. In the woods, hid.

Richard Smith. In the swamp battle, and had powder from the Asia.

Jeremiah Bedel. A disaffected person.

Daniel Smith. In the swamp battle.

Elijah Rainer. Hid in the swamp.

Joseph Bedle. Same—a disaffected person.

Nathan Smith. Received powder from the Asia, absconded in the woods, and appears to know much of the scheme.

Townsend Weeks. A d-d rascal and the greatest Tory.

William McCoun, Thomas Fleet, Peter Wheeler, Samuel Townsend, and John Fleet, declared they would sooner fight for the King than the Congress, and totally deny the authority of that body.

James Cogswell. A gun-stealer or informer, from Newport.

\*To be arrested, as inimical to the American cause, who probably would not appear, but secrete themselves.

†To be summoned before Congress.

‡Holding office from the King of Great Britain, and to be summoned or arrested.

§He was from Westchester, and had been put in prison, in New York, for going on board the Asia, man-of-war, and shipping a load of pork for the British army.

Henry Durland said Washington was more concerned in the conspiracy\* than any one.

1776, *May 28*.—There was an Academy at Newtown where Thomas Walton, Mr. Le Roy, Thomas White, Mr. Mathews, and other Loyalists, of New York, sent about seventeen boys. Some of these boarded with Mr. John Moore, Jr., and, on a Fast day, they got of a lad named Moore, from New York, a large flag in imitation of the King's standard, which they hoisted on a high pole in Mr. Moore's door-yard. For allowing this insult to the Whigs of Newtown, Mr. Moore was arrested and detained a prisoner on parole in New York. The Committee of Newtown received the thanks of Congress for their vigilance.—*Jour.*, 464.

1776, *June 21*.—The following list of fourteen disaffected persons at Jamaica, was sent to the Provincial Congress :

1. Dr. Charles Arden. He was the person who instigated the Tories to sign against having a Congress or a Committee. He also wrote the affidavit of Rufus Duryea about Parson Keteltas, and carried Justice French to Duryea's for that purpose.

The witnesses are Benjamin Smith, son of Samuel ; Robert Hinchman ; Thomas Smith, son of Thomas, whom he threatened to hang if he would not sign a paper, and Isaac Lefferts, who bought Widow Betts' farm.

2. Captain Benjamin Whitehead, late Supervisor, who repeatedly refused to communicate to the town of Jamaica certain letters that he had received from the General Committee of New York, requesting the town to be called together to elect members of a Committee or Congress.

The witness of this is Waters Smith, or either of the persons above named, or Captain Jacob Wright.

3. Alexander Wallace, merchant, of New York, but now resides at Jamaica, in Waters Smith's house.

4. George Bethune, formerly of Boston, now at Jamaica. He maintains an intimacy with Benjamin Whitehead and Dr. Arden.

5. ——— Martin, from Antigua. He dwells in Obadiah Mills' house, opposite the Meeting-house, at a high rent. He associates chiefly with James Depeyster.

6. Charles McEvers. He resides in John Troup's house—was formerly a Stamp-officer.

7 and 8. Thomas and Fleming Colgan frequently go to Creed's hill to look out for the British fleet. The two Dunbars, John William Livingston, Jr., and one of the Colgans were there lately looking out for a fleet.

10 and 11. John and William Dunbar shut themselves up and refuse to train, or pay their fines.

12. George Folliot, merchant, from New York.

\*Referring to a plot, got up by Governor Tryon, to poison Washington and burn New York.

He lives with Jacques Johnson at Fresh Meadows, about one and a half miles from Jamaica.

13. Theophilact Bache, of Flatbush. He comes to Jamaica to Alexander Wallace's.

14. James Depeyster. He lives next to William Betts'. He is said to be a dangerous Tory. His son has been pursued several times, but can't be taken.

*In Committee, Queens County, July 1, 1776*.—The Committee took into consideration a resolve of the Convention of the State of New York, relative to removing cattle from the south side of this county ; and as many difficulties appear, they appointed Colonel Remsen, Colonel Robinson and Samuel Riker to make a representation thereof to the Convention and general officers of the Continental army, and of the defenceless state of this county, and request such a force as shall be able, with the assistance of the County Militia, to prevent our being plundered by the Ministerial troops ; and also to apply for £200 for the use of this county.

1776, *July 21*.—George Townsend, Chairman of Queens County, sends to Congress a copy of Howe's Declaration, which had been posted in the several towns, by Thomas Willett, Sheriff. Whereupon his arrest was ordered, together with his brother Edward Willett, Edward Willett, Sr., one Lawson, a schoolmaster at Flushing, who acted as scribe, and Thomas Hicks, attorney-at-law.—*Jour.*, 552–572.

[This paper appears to have been conveyed from Governor Tryon, through the hands of Colonel Josiah, father of Dr. Samuel Martin, to Elizabeth Hicks, a young lady of Roekaway, who gave it, on a Fast day, to Joshua Mills, at Jamaica, and he took it to Sheriff Willett, at Flushing, who consulted with Thomas Hicks, and by his advice published it. It offered pardon to all repentant rebels.]—*Ed.*

1776, *Aug. 9*.—One Bragaw, from Long Island, informs Congress that John Greenoak, Jr., Samuel Ryder, Captain Samuel Hallet, his son Joseph, and his negro, went from Vanderveer's mill to Barren Island, and thence escaped to the enemy, on Staten Island.

1776, *Aug. 12*.—The following disaffected persons were arrested in Queens County, by order of General Washington, and sent in a boat to Norwich and Middletown, Connecticut, where they gave their parole and were permitted to walk about the streets. They were allowed to go home, December 9th, on giving their parole to return when sent for :

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| David Beatty,     | Charles Hicks,      |
| Samuel Burling,   | Thomas Jones,       |
| Dr. David Brooks, | Daniel Kissam, Jr., |
| Richard Betts,    | Charles Nicolls,    |
| John Chave,       | Adam Seabury,       |
| Isaac Corsa,      | Isaac Smith,        |

Whitehead Cornwell, William Thorne,  
Joseph Griswold, Augustus Van Horne,  
Benjamin Hewlett, John Willet,  
George Hewlett, Benjamin Whitehead,

1776, Aug. 18.—The British fleet having appeared off our coast, the disaffected supplied the enemy with fresh provisions, vegetables, etc. Some also tried to escape on board the fleet for protection, as appears by the following examination of some fugitives captured on Rockaway beach, who intended to join the enemy—held at Widow Foster's Inn, before Colonel Robinson and Captain Lambert Suydam, who made the capture:

Matthias Van Brockle. Lives on the Beach. He says two men knocked at his door and he let them in out of the rain.

William Newton, of New York. He left for fear of drafting.

Pearson Langdon. He says the boat is Isaac Denton's, and came out of Mott's creek. He wanted to keep out of the way, while men were drafting.

Jonathan Smith. He escaped from the troop.

Abraham Probasco. Says he went with Van Brockle from Jamaica yesterday afternoon, and knows none of the present company but Peter Mills.

—Dickenson. He says he belongs to Dutchess County, and is a trader. He has relatives at Oysterbay. He owned one of the bundles of clothes.

Peter Mills. He says his mother, hearing half the Militia was to be drafted, made him keep out of the way, and that he went to show Mr. Lewis the Beach.

—Lewis. Says he lives in Westchester, and came over to Long Island for a legacy. He met Mills at Uncle Mott's, and desired to see the Beach, which he had not seen for many years.

1776, Aug. 20.—General Greene received an express from Hog Island Inlet stating that five small British vessels had appeared at the mouth of the creek with some troops on board; and that two periaugas were at Oysterbay South—the whole supposed to be after live stock. Greene sent a party of horse and two hundred and twenty men to reconnoitre.

1776, Aug. 27, was appointed, by Congress, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer to Almighty God for imploring his divine assistance in organizing and establishing a form of Government, and to supplicate his further protection in the war now raging throughout America.\*—*Jour.*, 554.

\*The battle of Brooklyn took place on the same day. So the day may not have been observed. On a previous Fast day, Rev. Mr. Froeligh, at Jamaica, took his text from Joel 2: 20, "But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate."

1776, Aug. 28.—Sir William Erskine, the day after the battle of Brooklyn, was detached with the Seventeenth Regiment of Light Dragoons and the Seventy-first Regiment of foot, in pursuit of General Woodhull's corps of cavalry, collected at Jamaica, which they defeated, and took Woodhull and many prisoners.—*British Mil. Calendar*, 1: 106.

[General Woodhull had been ordered, by Congress, to drive off the cattle and other live stock from the south and west parts of Long Island towards Hempstead Plains, in order to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy, who were in need of fresh provisions. It was during the performance of this duty, that he was captured by the British, and received those wounds that terminated in his death. We give another of the various versions of his capture. William Hunt in his biography of Woodhull, page 377-8, says: "He sent his troops four miles eastward of Jamaica, while he remained in the village till the afternoon, and dined there with Whitehead Hicks, late Mayor of New York. Then, with one or two companions, he set out to join his troop. While at Carpenter's Inn, the British horse and infantry, piloted by John Cornwell, a tory, approached the tavern. The inmates fled and concealed themselves in a corn field and under the barn. Woodhull sprang for his horse, under the shed, and, while unhitching the bridle, was taken by a Lieutenant Huzzy, of the dragoons. He at once gave up his sword when the officer roughly bid him say 'God save the King,' which not doing to his satisfaction, the Lieutenant cut him and would have slain him, had it not been for Captain Oliver Delancey." What became of the cattle or the troop is not clear—whether the latter had a skirmish with the enemy, or sought safety in flight. Perhaps the cattle were left on the Plains, and the troop withdrew to Suffolk County and were disbanded.]—*Ed.*

1776.—The Rev. Joshua Bloomer, writing from Jamaica, says: twenty of his and Mr. Cutting's congregation were carried off by Col. Heard, and that he was afterwards ordered to omit the prayers for the King. Rather than do which, by advice of his Vestry, he closed his church for five Sundays.

1776; Sept.—Mr. Tredwell, a Member of Congress, who went from New Rochelle to Long Island, reports it to be healthy. Howe's Headquarters were at Newtown. Seven hundred Highlanders had marched from Flushing—plenty of fresh provisions—a party of British horse had gone to Suffolk County and seized bread, flour and salt, in store there. Jacob Wykoff was their chief pilot at Flatlands. The British are raising one thousand five hundred men on Long Island, and, if sufficient numbers cannot be enlisted voluntarily, then they are to be drafted. Colonel Ludlow was to command and Captain Dunbar and Mr. Woolley had warrants to enlist men.

1777, April.—Morris Hazard, who had fled from Long Island, had leave from the British authorities to remove his three children from Newtown to Peekskill.—Thomas Lawrence, who also made a precipitate flight from Long Island, wished, October 10, 1776, to revisit his family, at Newtown.—*Cor. of Provincial Congress*, 416, 350.

1777, May 28.—Richard Thomas formerly lived on Long Island, and returned there to take care of his private affairs, when he was captured by the British and confined in the Provost, at New York.

1777, Aug. 28.—Stephen Rider, of Queens County, was taken up there and lodged in the Provost prison in New York, being charged with not taking the benefit of the King's Proclamation of pardon.

1777, Sept. 1.—We have the pleasure to acquaint the people that the little town of Jamaica has contributed to the encouragement of the New Corps (Fanning's) raised in this Province, at the request of Governor Tryon, £219, delivered by Capt. Joseph French.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

## SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.

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| Paul Amberman,       | 2  |      | Samuel Doughty,       |    | 16   |
| Derrick Amberman,    | 16 |      | John Doughty,         |    | 10   |
| John Amberman,       | 8  |      | John Dunbar,          |    | 8    |
| Charles Arding, Dr., | 5  |      | John Duryea, Jr.,     | 2  | 8    |
| George Bates,        | 1  | 17.4 | Rufel Duryea,         |    | 16   |
| Daniel Baylis,       | 8  |      | Garret Dorland,       |    | 16   |
| Ephraim Baylis,      | 8  |      | Samuel Eldert,        |    | 16   |
| Isaac Baylis,        | 8  |      | Hendrick Eldert,      | 1  | 4    |
| John Bennet,         | 1  | 4    | Luke Eldert,          |    | 17.4 |
| Cornelius Bennet,    | 16 |      | Hendrick Emmons,      | 1  | 12   |
| Isaac Bennet,        | 8  |      | Daniel Everitt,       |    | 16   |
| Derick Bergen,       | 8  |      | Nicholas Everitt,     |    | 16   |
| Tunis Bergen,        | 16 |      | Benjamin Everitt,     |    | 16   |
| John Bergen,         | 8  |      | James Everitt,        |    | 8    |
| Jacob Bergen,        | 28 |      | George Folliot, N. Y. | 10 |      |
| Abram Bergen,        | 10 |      | William Forbus,       |    | 8    |
| Johannis Bergen,     | 1  | 4    | Jonas Frederick,      |    | 12   |
| Luke Bergen,         | 16 |      | Joseph French, Esq.   | 10 |      |
| John Bremner,        | 8  |      | Thomas Furman,        |    | 8    |
| Capt. Richard Betts, | 6  | 8    | John Glene,           |    | 0 0  |
| Rev. Josh. Bloomer,  | 2  |      | William Golder,       |    | 16   |
| Aury Boerum,         | 10 |      | Joseph Golder,        |    | 8    |
| Nathaniel Box,       | 8  |      | Capt. Thos. Harriot,  | 3  | 4    |
| Joseph Burling,      | 8  |      | Isaac Hendrickson,    |    | 8    |
| Nehemiah Carpenter,  | 10 |      | Bern'd. Hendrickson,  |    | 16   |
| Jacob Carpenter,     | 16 |      | Wm. Hendrickson,      |    | 16   |
| Benjamin Carpenter,  | 12 |      | Hend'k Hendrickson,   |    | 16   |
| John Charlton, Dr.,  | 5  |      | Abram Hendrickson,    |    | 10   |
| Abraham Collier,     | 8  |      | White'd. Hicks, Esq.  | 5  |      |
| Samuel Cornwell,     | 8  |      | Thomas Higbie,        |    | 8    |
| William Cornwell,    | 16 |      | Stephen Higbie,       |    | 10   |
| Tunis Covert,        | 16 |      | Daniel Higbie,        |    | 8    |
| Cornelius Creed,     | 16 |      | Henry Higbie,         |    | 16   |
| William Creed, Jr.,  | 16 |      | Nathaniel Highie,     |    | 16   |
| Benjamin Creed,      | 16 |      | Obadiah Hinchman,     |    | 8    |
| Jacob Deane,         | 8  |      | John Hinchmen,        |    | 8    |
| Timothy Denton,      | 10 |      | Rohart Hinchman,      |    | 16   |
| Amos Denton, Jr.,    | 16 |      | Martin Johnson,       |    | 8    |
| Garret Ditmars,      | 8  |      | Nicholas Jones,       |    | 8    |
| Mary, widow of Dow   |    |      | Bernard. Lamberson,   |    | 8    |
| Ditmars,             |    |      | John Lamberson,       | 1  | 4    |
| John Ditmars,        | 12 |      | Cornelius Lamberson   |    | 8    |
| Isaac Ditmars,       | 1  | 16   | David Lamberson,      |    | 10   |
| Abram Ditmars,       | 1  | 4    | Tunis Lamberson,      |    | 8    |
| Dow Ditmars,         | 3  | 4    | Waters Lamberson,     |    | 8    |

|                      | £  | s. |                     | £  | s.   |
|----------------------|----|----|---------------------|----|------|
| Nicholas Lamberson,  | 1  | 4  | Daniel Smith,       |    | 18   |
| Simon Lamberson,     | 8  |    | Christopher Smith,  | 10 |      |
| Isaac Lefferts,      | 1  | 12 | John Smith (Pond),  |    | 8    |
| Agnes, wife of Isaac |    |    | John Smith (flag),  | 1  | 8.3  |
| Lefferts,            | 8  |    | Platt Smith,        |    | 7.6  |
| William Lewis,       | 8  |    | William Smith,      |    | 8    |
| John Livingston,     | 5  |    | Nathaniel Smith,    |    | 8    |
| John Losee,          | 8  |    | Samuel Smith,       |    | 8    |
| Cornelius Losee,     | 8  |    | Waters Smith,       |    | 8    |
| Stephen Lott,        | 1  |    | Garret Snedeker,    |    | 8    |
| John H. Lott,        | 2  |    | Johannes Snedeker,  | 1  | 17.4 |
| Abram Lott,          | 8  |    | Abram Snedeker,     |    | 8    |
| Richard Loxham,      | 3  | 4  | Rem Snedeker,       |    | 16   |
| William Ludlum,      | 8  |    | John Snedeker,      |    | 10   |
| Daniel Ludlum,       | 16 |    | William Stead,      |    | 11.4 |
| Capt. Nich. Ludlum,  | 3  | 4  | Nathaniel Townsend, | 1  | 4    |
| Nehemiah Ludlum,     | 8  |    | John I. Troup,      | 5  |      |
| John Messenger,      | 8  |    | Daniel Tuttle,      | 0  | 0    |
| Charles McEvers,     | 5  |    | John Van Brunt,     |    | 8    |
| James Mills,         | 8  |    | Joost Van Brunt,    | 2  |      |
| Hope Mills,          | 1  | 4  | Nicholas Van Dam,   |    | 8    |
| Joshua Mills,        | 3  | 4  | Jno. VanLiew(pond)  |    | 16   |
| John Mills,          | 8  |    | John Van Liew, Sr., |    | 16   |
| Isaac Mills,         | 8  |    | Peter Van Nostrand, |    | 8    |
| Samuel Mills,        | 16 |    | Ahm. Van Arsdale,   |    | 8    |
| Nathaniel Mills,     | 3  | 4  | Isaac Van Arsdale,  |    | 8    |
| Peter Mills,         | 1  |    | Johan's Van Wicklen |    | 16   |
| John Nostrand,       | 1  |    | Garret Van Wicklen, |    | 8    |
| Garret Nostrand,     | 16 |    | Evert Van Wicklen,  |    | 16   |
| Andrew Oakley,       | 8  |    | Jacob Valentine,    |    | 8    |
| Joseph Oldfield,     | 1  | 4  | Jacamah Valentine,  |    | 8    |
| Dr. Jacob Ogden,     | 2  |    | George Valentine,   |    | 8    |
| Isaac Pettit,        | 8  |    | William Valentine,  |    | 8    |
| John Pettit,         | 8  |    | John Voorhies,      |    | 8    |
| John Polhemms, Lt.   | 5  | 4  | Charles Welling,    |    | 16   |
| Aury Remsen,         | 1  | 4  | John Wm. Welling,   |    | 8    |
| Jacob Remsen,        | 16 |    | William Welling,    | 1  | 4    |
| John Remsen,         | 1  | 4  | Samuel Welling,     |    | 8    |
| Rem Remsen,          | 16 |    | Thomas Welling,     |    | 8    |
| Daniel Remsen,       | 16 |    | Daniel Whitehead,   |    | 16   |
| Urias Rider,         | 8  |    | Benjamin Whitehead  | 3  |      |
| Bernardus Rider,     | 8  |    | Benjamin Wiggins,   |    | 16   |
| Christopher Rider,   | 8  |    | Thomas Wiggins,     |    | 8    |
| John Roades,         | 16 |    | Henry Wiggins,      |    | 8    |
| Richard Roades,      | 18 |    | Richard Wiggins,    |    | 8    |
| Samuel Simmons,      | 8  |    | Mary, widow of John |    |      |
| John Skidmore,       | 1  | 4  | Williamson,         |    | 8    |
| Whitehead Skidmore   | 1  | 4  | John Williamson,    | 2  | 13.4 |
| Benjamin Smith,      | 8  |    | Jacob Wyckoff,      | 1  | 12   |

1777, Oct. 6.—Oliver Thorne is master of the Flushing freight and passenger boat, which lies near the Ferry stairs, New York.

1777, Nov. 11.—General Putnam sends a flag to General Jones, at New York, requesting him to give a permit to the family of Thomas Mitchell, on Long Island, to come out of the British lines.

1777, Nov. 16.—A scow sunk in the East River, in crossing from Horn's Hook to Hallet's Cove, and three negroes, the property of Captain Hallet, were drowned. A white man was saved by taking to a horse in the scow.

1778.—Benjamin Birdsall is kept a prisoner in New York, by the British, as a hostage for David Rice. He was taken by the enemy, while he was going, under a flag of truce, to bring off two families from Long Island, before January 6th.

1778, Jan. 13.—Zeffer Platt, an unfortunate American prisoner, was pilfered of cash, from his pocket, while in the British guard-house, at New-

town. General Delancey offers two guineas reward for the detection of the thief.

1778, Jan. 17.—Ebenezer Brown, formerly of Rye, went to the enemy twelve months ago. He was Captain of a wood sloop, from Oysterbay to New York, when he was captured. William Buckler and Robert Wilson, of Oysterbay, were taken in a sloop, on Monday night last. Samuel Birdsall (brother of Benjamin, who is in Dubois' Regiment,) was also taken. He says the militia at Oysterbay, and for thirty miles east, have been all armed for three months past, and turn out on an alarm; and some are obliged to mount guard every day. All the above were taken by the Americans in one sloop, going to New York.—*Clinton Papers*.

1778, March 27.—Ebenezer Holmes and John Down, British soldiers, are tried for robbing Joseph Russel and other inhabitants of Long Island, and are sentenced by the Court Martial to receive one thousand lashes on the bare back. The British General remits five hundred lashes.—*Delancey's Orderly Book*.

1778, May 17.—The British commanding officer at Newtown, offers \$5 reward for the discovery of the soldiers who robbed Mr. Wilkins' smoke-house, on Friday night last, of smoked bacon and beef.

1778, July 24.—Was buried in the yard of Grace Church, Jamaica, the Rev. William Drummond, a refugee from Connecticut.

1778, Oct.—Thomas Kelly complains that Colonel Archibald Hamilton came into a house at Flushing, where he was, and because he did not pull off his hat, he beat him with the butt-end of his horsewhip and cut through his hat into his head; and repeated the offence in December.

1778, Oct. 30.—John Willet, of Flushing, says that seeing a negro driving a load of rails from off his farm, by order of Colonel Hamilton, he asked the Colonel why he did so. Thereupon the Colonel got off his horse and ran at him with a cutlass in one hand and a dangerous uncommon cane in the other. Willet defended himself with a stick, he accidentally found. He followed Willet into the cow-yard and dropping on his knees called God to witness that he would cut to pieces any one who should oppose him. On the evening of the same day he cut with his sword James Morrel, and almost killed him, and struck Willet, who came to Morrel's assistance, and thrust a burning candle in his face, and then ran about the room like a madman with a gun in one hand and a cutlass in the other, insisting that Willet should take the gun and he would get another.

Walter Dalton swears that he was, in October, 1777, brought before Colonel Hamilton as a prisoner, (for no offence,) who knocked him down twice with a heavy weapon, and after sending him off, under a guard, followed him out of his gate,

and, on the King's high road, beat him with about thirty blows, which disabled him from labor for some weeks.

[Twelve affidavits of the above tenor, from the people of Flushing, were sent to Governor Tryon, who ordered David Colden to investigate the matter and make report. The result is not known. Colonel Hamilton set sail for England, December 31st, 1783.—*Ed*.

1778, Nov. 23.—Died, on Saturday last, at his seat at Rockaway, the Hon. Josiah Martin, aged seventy-nine.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1778, Dec. 25.—In a correspondence between Clinton and Putnam, Clinton complains that the Whigs on Long Island suffer equally with the Tories from the depredations of the Connecticut whale boats.

1778.—Scheme of a Lottery for raising the sum of £780, for the benefit of the established church in the parish of Jamaica, on Nassau Island, toward purchasing a Glebe near said parish church.

The Lottery will be drawn under the inspection of a number of persons of character, who are appointed for that purpose.

Adventurers in the first class are desired to renew their tickets within ten days after drawing each class, otherwise they will be excluded. Very little more than two blanks to a prize. The whole subject to a deduction of fifteen per cent.\*

|            |                       |   |         |
|------------|-----------------------|---|---------|
| 1st class, | 2,000 tickets at 4s., | - | \$1,000 |
| 2nd "      | 2,000 " 8s.,          | - | 2,000   |
| 3rd "      | 2,000 " 16s.,         | - | 4,000   |
| 4th "      | 2,000 " 24s.,         | - | 6,000   |

1772, Feb. 11.—The Jamaica Church Glebe Lottery, third class, was drawn. The prizes were

|                 |   |   |   |   |       |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| One of          | - | - | - | - | \$400 |
| One of          | - | - | - | - | 150   |
| Two of          | - | - | - | - | 75    |
| Four of         | - | - | - | - | 40    |
| Eight of        | - | - | - | - | 20    |
| Twenty of       | - | - | - | - | 10    |
| Fifty of        | - | - | - | - | 8     |
| Five hundred of | - | - | - | - | 4     |

Total amount of prizes in the third class, \$3,620.

1779, Feb. 16.—Position of enemy's troops on Long Island.†

|                       | No.  | Cantonment.  |
|-----------------------|------|--------------|
| Seventeenth Dragoons, | 300, | Long Island. |
| New Levies,           | 50,  | "            |
| Grenadiers,           | 700, | Jamaica.     |
| Light Infantry,       | 700, | Southampton. |
| "                     | 300, | Bedford.     |
| Highlanders,          | 750, | "            |
| Hessian Chasseurs,    | 350, | Flushing.    |

\*William Creed's farm, of seventy acres, nearly a mile westward of the village, was purchased for a parsonage, with the proceeds of the above Lottery.—*Ed*.

†Washington used to say that he had better information, by his spies, of the situation and numbers of the enemy's forces on Long Island, than in any other place.—*Ed*

|                     |      |               |
|---------------------|------|---------------|
| Hereditary,         | 350, | Brooklyn.     |
| Prince,             | 350, | "             |
| Simcoe's Rangers,   | 250, | Long Island.  |
| Ludlow's Battalion, | 150, | Lloyd's Neck. |

KINGSBRIDGE, March 7th, 1779.

To Colonel Hamilton:

SIR:—As the armed ships in the South bay are a sufficient security from any insult of the enemy on the south side of Long Island, and as the whale boats from the Connecticut coast are continually committing depredations on the north side, the duty of the militia must be directed to that quarter. And, whereas, the hiring of guards has been found not only an indulgence to the inhabitants, but the most effectual method to protect the necessary posts—I do hereby order that all persons in Queens County do bear a proportion of the expense of such duty, according to the value of their estate, real or personal, although exempted from military duty by age or office. I am your ob't. servant,

WM. TRYON, Governor.

Colonel Hamilton orders Major Kissam to put the above order in force immediately in his district.

NEWTOWN, March 9, 1779.

To Captain Israel Youngs, Cold Spring; Jarvis Colles Musquito Cove; Daniel Youngs, Oysterbay; Thomas Van Wyck, Eastwoods; Abraham Van Wyck, Wolver-hollow:

GENTLEMEN:—Colonel Hamilton orders that the troops and companies under your respective commands be duly warned of a general review in the first week in April next, the day, &c., that may be fixed on, you will be timely informed of. As they have long since been ordered to equip fully, it is expected they will appear so, and with their arms, &c., in good order, as delinquents will be noticed and punished for their neglect of proper attention to orders.

JAMES LONG,

Adj. Queens Co. Mil.

1779, April 16.—Return of Captain Youngs' Troop of Horse:—Israel Youngs, Captain; Eldred Van Wyck, Corporal; Townsend Hewlett, Lieutenant; William McCoun, Quartermaster; Philip Youngs, Clerk; John Walters, Sergeant; Penn Weeks, Sergeant; Van Acly Roben, Sergeant; William Wright, Sergeant.

Privates.—Benjamin Birdsall, Isaac Burr, robbed by rebels, no arms, Samuel Birdsall, Daniel Cock, Zebulon Doty, George Duryea, Fulkert Duryea, Stephen Hendrickson, William Hopkins, John Hawkshurst, miller, John Jones, Daniel Latten, Adam Lefford, James Lefford, Titus Lef-ford, James Place, Thomas Place, Isaac Robinson, Isaac Smith, Daniel Van Velsor, Nathaniel Weeks, Isaac Wood, John Williams, John Wright, Lem-uel Weeks.

1779, April 17.—One Guinea Reward is offered by John Deacon for the apprehension of a mulatto girl Isabella, who ran away from Jacobus Lint, at Newtown, in man's clothes.

1779, May 20.—Gov. Clinton, at Pokeysie,

writes that Benjamin Sands, late of Cow Neck for his attachment to the American cause was tried by the enemies' court martial, and banished, with marks of ignominy, without their lines. He (Sands) desires to obtain his family and effects thence, to be exchanged for Samuel Mabbet, of New York.

[Benjamin Sands was Chairman of the Whig Committee of Cow Neck, Great Neck, &c., at the outbreak of the Revolution. As soon as the enemy got possession of the Island, they imprisoned him and made free with his property. He has left the following statement of his losses:

An Inventory (made Oct. 27) of stock taken from Benjamin Sands, on Monday, September 16, 1776, by Captain Williams, and said to be by order of Col Rogers:

|                                                                     | £    | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| Two oxen, - - - - -                                                 | 14   |    |    |
| One cow, - - - - -                                                  | 6    |    |    |
| One bull and 2 heifers, - - -                                       | 12   |    |    |
| Two yearlings, - - - - -                                            | 4    | 10 |    |
| One horse, - - - - -                                                | 10   |    |    |
| Taken by a party of Light-horse, October 14th, two mares, - - - - - | 28   |    |    |
| The hire of two men as a bounty, - - -                              | 28   | 8  |    |
| Board in jail from September 23d, to October 5th, - - -             | 19   | 10 |    |
| Board in getting men, - - - - -                                     | 11   | 4  |    |
| The Ordinary expenses (suppose), - - -                              | 2    |    |    |
| Cash plundered by a party of said Company, - - -                    | 2    | 6  |    |
| Two pocket-books, - - - - -                                         | 10   |    |    |
| A jacket, - - - - -                                                 | 16   |    |    |
| Provisions and sundries, - - - - -                                  | 5    |    |    |
| Plundered from George, cash, (suppose) - - -                        | 12   |    |    |
| Two jackets, - - - - -                                              | 1    | 10 |    |
| One calf's skin, - - - - -                                          | 10   |    |    |
| Sundries (suppose), - - - - -                                       | 2    |    |    |
| George's stock, - - - - -                                           | 29   |    |    |
| Caty's cow, - - - - -                                               | 4    | 10 |    |
| Total, - - - - -                                                    | £162 | 5  | 2  |
| One cow left.                                                       |      |    |    |

Mr. Sands, to obtain release from his imprisonment, probably took the oath of allegiance to the British crown; but, perhaps, having loyalty on his lips but rebellion in his heart he was, for some cause not now known, exiled by the enemy from the Island, Jan. 17th, 1779, when he carried with him £8,6,8, in coin, and £150 in paper, equal to £15 in specie. At length, we may suppose, he made his peace with the enemy, was allowed to return home, and settled quietly down on his farm at Sands Point; and by selling the produce of his farm to the British, accumulated large sums of gold and silver, which, for fear of being robbed, he buried in his cellar. Having occasion to take it up to invest in some adventure, he made the following memorandum of it:

Taken up in the little cellar, forty-five guineas, fourteen half-joes, \$280, five half-joes, one pistole, change, 6s.  
Taken up March, 1783, £63,12.  
Taken up in the cellar entry, £310,6,8.  
Taken up in the tankard, £128,19.  
Taken up in the tobacco-box, £75,4.  
Total sum taken up, £838,1,8.  
Captain Sands died October 14, 1823, after a short and severe illness, aged eighty-nine.—Ed.

1779, July 3.—Captain Cornwell delivered to Governor Clinton the following Tories, taken prisoners on Long Island, viz.: William Sutton, (whose sons are Whigs) Daniel Haynes and William Smith.

1779, July 29.—Israel Youngs is allowed by Loring, the British Commissary of Prisoners, to be exchanged for Johannes Suedeker, but this not being done, Youngs is paroled at Poughkeepsie, Nov. 24th.

1779, *Aug. 24.*—The Rev. Henry Van Dyke is at Norwalk, and wants to go to Long Island with his family.

*No date.*—While the British army lay, during the winter, in and about New York, hay and straw were needed for the army. The mode of gathering it may be inferred from :

A list of persons to be employed in collecting hay, and to give directions to the Collectors of Forage, who ought to leave with the farmers only as much as will be needed to support their stock of cattle.

#### KINGS COUNTY.

Colonel Axtell, Major Vanderbilt, of the Militia, Mr. Polhemus.

#### QUEENS COUNTY.

*Newtown.*—Capt. John Shoals,\* Justice Alsop, Oliver Waters, James Long.

*Flushing.*—Judge Willet, Philip Platt, Judge Hicks, — Talman.

*Jamaica.*—Justice French, Captain Betts, Captain Ludlam.

*Hempstead.*—Justice Clowes.

*Cow Neck.*—Daniel Kissam.

*Hempstead Plains.*—Judge Ludlow.

*Herricks.*—Justice Smith,

*East Woods.*—Justice Hewlett, Captain Thomas Van Wyck.

*Wolver Hollow.*—Captain Abraham Van Wyck.

*Buckram.*—Thomas Cock.

*Musketo Cove.*—John Underhill.

*Jerico.*—Thomas Jackson.

*Jerusalem.*—Captain Seaman, — Hewlett.

*Fort Neck.*—Judge Jones,\*

#### SUFFOLK COUNTY.

*Cold Spring.*—Captain Israel Youngs.

*Huntington.*—John Ireland, Shubael Smith.

*Setauket.*—Nathan Woodhull, — Bayley.

*Dicks Hills.*—Captain Conklin, Captain Carle.

1779, *Nov. 23.*—Captain Mitchell's wife came out of the British lines to him, at Peekskill, under a flag, with Major Skidmore as the bearer of a letter.

1779, *Dec. 4.*—Uriah Mitchell, at Newburgh, petitions for a permit for the wife and children of Joseph Bowne, his Clerk, to come out from New York.

The winter of 1779-80 was remarkably dry and uniformly cold. The snow was deep and drifted, and the springs low. It was called "the Canada winter."

1780, *Feb. 1.*—Lieutenant-Colonel Birdsall is serving in Colonel James Vanderburgh's regiment.

1780, *May 22.*—£5 *Reward.*—Ran away from his master, David Colden, a negro named Kelso. He had eight days leave of absence to find a pur-

chaser. He speaks English only and wore apple-tree buttons on his coat.

1780, *June 30.*—General Silliman reports, that Mrs. Hicks, of Long Island, sister to Captain Tom's wife, now in the Continental service, has come out of the British lines to live among the Whigs.

1780, *July 9.*—A British officer, was drowned while bathing in Success Pond. A slab may be seen in the yard of Grace Church, Jamaica, thus inscribed :

In memory of the many good and amiable qualities of Captain William Dickson, a native of Glasgow, late of Port Royal, in Virginia, merchant, an honest man and a truly loyal subject. The Fourth Company of Volunteers, of New York, under his command, at his death, 9th July, 1780, have placed this stone on his grave in testimony of their esteem.

1780, *Aug. 7.*—The crops of wheat in most parts of the continent, this summer, have been extremely thin but very well headed. On the whole not quite half the quantity they had last season.

1780, *Sept. 22.*—Mabel, wife of Benjamin Whitehead at Lloyd's Neck, is allowed to go from the American lines to Long Island, with her two young sons. He had left his wife in poor circumstances, and been four years with the British.—*Trumbull Papers.*

1780, *Sept.*—John Smith asks of Gov. Trumbull a pass for Joseph Blackwell, (who fled when New York was approached by the British) now at Worthington, to visit his aged and infirm father, (who suffered greatly by the British) at Hallett's Cove, and to return with Mrs. Smith.

1780, *Nov. 27.*—Married, at Flushing, by the Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Captain Jarvis Dobbs, of the sloop *Abigail*, to Miss Hetty Wortman; Captain Heymen Clarke, of the *Industry*, to Annatie Wortman; and Captain Matthew Farrington, of the *Nancy*, to Phebe McCullum. The amiable accomplishments of the young ladies presage the most perfect happiness that the marriage state can afford.

1781, *March 21.*—To be sold at vendue, at nine in the morning, at the house of Mr. James Duryea, at Fort Neck, all the stock of Thomas Jones, Esq., consisting of working oxen, cows, calves, a number of young cattle, a parcel of horses, most of them young and some full blooded, a number of sheep, and a parcel of pigs, with all kinds of farming utensils and implements of husbandry.\*

1781.—Major Fitch says : "pursuant to orders from Governor Trumbull, I landed on Long Island, June 30th, and made prisoner of Major Kissam, his brother and two others, brought them to Stamford,

\*Erased in the original, which may be seen in the Library of the Long Island Historical Society.

\*Judge Jones was appointed Clerk of Queens County, Feb. 8, 1757, which office he resigned March 13, 1781, preparatory to his departure for England, where he died, July 23, 1792, aged sixty-one. In the wall of the church at Roxbourn, is a tablet, commemorating his virtues.

paroled the Major for twenty days for him to effect his exchange for Colonel St. John (who had been kept in the Provost, in New York, on bread and water, and refused an exchange), but the Major returned without effecting any thing. The other prisoners were exchanged at once. The Major then went to Wethersfield to see the Deputy Commissary of prisoners."

1781, *June*.—Joseph Hallet, of Newtown, and Nathaniel Hazard, now living on the Main, and a refugee from Long Island, met at the east end of the Island, by mutual agreement to settle some private business.

1781, *Aug.* 7.—Congress desires Governor Trumbull to revoke his commissions to seize British goods in the Sound when they are exported into Connecticut from Long Island.

1781, *Oct.* 5.—Major Thomas Tredwell Jackson, at Peekskill, petitions Governor Clinton for a permit for his brother to remove from Queens County within the American lines.

1782, *Jan.* 22.—Clinton, in reply to Parson Keteltas' letter, of 19th, on his being classed to raise men for the Continental army, says that ministers of the gospel are not obliged to contribute to that service.

1782, *Jan.* 26.—Thomas Lawrence, at West Point, a nephew of Captain Jonathan Lawrence, was obliged to fly the enemy at Morrisania, on account of his attachment to American liberty. He wants a flag to visit his wife.

1782, *Jan.* 29.—Benjamin Birdsall, with Edward Wheeler, crossed from Stamford to Lloyd's Neck, where he got a permit from Colonel Upham to go to the dwelling house of John Hewlett, Esq., and thence to Oysterbay South, if said Hewlett will accompany him, and to return in ten days. Feb. 12th, Captain Jones (South) is desired to attend Birdsall to Lloyd's Neck because Hewlett was obliged to go to New York. Feb. 19th, Birdsall had permit from Upham to take his two sons and some effects to Connecticut. Feb. 21st, E. Lockwood, at Norwalk, received from Birdsall, £8,17, (New York money) to be paid to Captain Church, commander of the flag from Lloyd's Neck. Feb. 21st, Miss Roof and four children and Joseph Mabbet, landed at Norwalk, and had permit from Ebenezer Lockwood to go to Dutchess county.

1782, *Feb.* 23.—Colonel Thomas Gilbert, Captain John Cochran, Joshua Chandler, Esq., and Malcolm Morrison, Esq., sign an address of thanks, in the name of their associates, to Lieutenant-Colonel Upham, Deputy Inspector General of Refugees at Lloyd's Neck, who distributed provisions, &c., among the loyal refugees living thereabouts.—*N. Y. Mercury*.

1782, *Feb.* 29.—B. Birdsall, at Dover, writes to Clinton: "I effected a four weeks' disagreeable journey—was sixteen days on the Island, during seven of which I was in camp on Lloyd's Neck.

The fare in the camp is hard. It is the wickedest place I ever met with. There was no restraint, I noticed every thing. The large farmers and traders do well, others are worn out. There were thirty wood vessels at Huntington Harbor convoyed by three small privateers called the 'Lloyd's Neck fleet.' A tun of hay cost the King £30."

1782, *Aug.* 26.—The crops of corn and wheat are very indifferent in many parts of the country. Long Island has experienced the effects of a very dry summer.

1782, *Sept.* 4.—Died, Tuesday sennight, at his house, at Great Neck, in the eightieth year of his age, Colonel Benjamin Tredwell, a gentleman who ever supported an unblemished character and was remarkable for his hospitality, cheerfulness and affability.

1782, *Nov.* 10.—Henry Allen, of Great Neck, swears that after ransoming his sloop for £160, he was robbed, above high-water mark, of the following articles, about a year and a half ago, by one Samuel Lockwood, Captain of a whale-boat:

|                            |   |   |       |
|----------------------------|---|---|-------|
| A piece of Jane,           | - | - | £5, 0 |
| " " lining,                | - | - | 7, 0  |
| Two bags of shot,          | - | - | 1, 8  |
| Gross of shirt buttons,    | - | - | 0, 5  |
| Silk bandana handkerchief, | - | - | 0, 12 |
| Pair of plush breeches,    | - | - | 2, 16 |
| Five silver tea-spoons,    | - | - | 1, 10 |
| Two guns and powder,       | - | - | 1, 10 |
| Fourteen dollars,          | - | - | 5, 12 |

Henry Allen further swears, that about two months ago he was robbed, above high-water mark, by James Brown, captain of a whale-boat, of black cloth for a suit of clothes, the property of George Hewlett, and of the following articles taken from the mill:

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Three and a half bushels of salt, | £2, 2 |
| Barrel of pork,                   | 9, 10 |
| A five-gallon keg of rum,         | 2, 18 |
| A small sail,                     | 0, 4  |
| Two deer skins,                   | 3, 12 |
| Seventeen yards duck,             | 2, 2  |
| Smoothing-irons,                  | 0, 12 |

A gallon-jug of molasses, and cloth and lining for a suit of clothes.

1782.—List of articles belonging to Hendrick Onderdonk, taken out of Mr. Allen's mill, Great Neck, by Mr. Brown or some hands belonging to his whale-boat, value at a moderate computation, £16:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Seven ruffled shirts, | One pair sheets,      |
| One cotton do.,       | Six pair stockings,   |
| One night-cap,        | Three cambric stocks, |
| Two pillow-cases,     | Four handkerchiefs.   |
| Two waistcoats,       |                       |

1782.—List of Lambert Moore's articles, taken as above, value, £6,5:

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Six shirts,       | One lb. powdered sago, |
| One handkerchief, | Two pair stockings,    |

One pillow-case,      One pair sheets,  
One night-cap,      Some Jesuits' bark.

1782.—Martin Schenck, Jr., swears, that on the night of September 25th, about nine o'clock, a party of armed men, with their faces black, came to his dwelling-house and took forcibly from him, about £60 New York money. He supposed said party to belong to some Connecticut whale-boats; and that, in endeavoring to escape from them, he was barbarously wounded.\*

1782.—Peter Storms swears, that being at Joseph Pearsall's, on Cow Neck, on the night of September 26th, a party of armed men came to the house and broke open the door and robbed Pearsall of some money, plate and other articles and threatened and abused him much. Next morning he tracked said armed party to and from the shore, and supposes they must have come by water.

1782.—Richard Hewlett [Northside] being sworn, says, that on the night of September 28th, a party of armed men came to his house, forced it and robbed him of cash and clothing to the value of about £50, and beat him much and otherwise abused him.

1782.—Emory Hewlett [Northside] swears, that on the night of September 28th, a party of armed men came to his house, forcibly entered it and robbed him of cash and other articles to the amount of £50 or upwards, beat him and otherwise much abused him. He suspected and, from information, supposes said party came over in a boat from some part of Connecticut. A few days afterward I set out with intent to go over to Stamford to endeavor to recover my effects, when I met one Obadiah Valentine and several others at Caverly or Butler's Island, where I saw said Valentine have on a coat which I well knew to have belonged to my brother Richard. He threatened to shoot me and I believe he would have put his threat into execution if he had not been prevented. I perfectly recollect the faces of several men I saw there, being the same that robbed me. I was told their names by a person who well knew them, viz.: Joseph Sackett, Captain Nathaniel Sackett, John Devore, Nathaniel Palmer and William Riley.

1782.—Ebenezer Brown swears, that on September 29th, in the night, sundry armed men came to his house, forced the door and robbed him of cash and other articles to the value of about £3,10.

1782.—Joseph Smith, John Golder, Jr., and Nathaniel Lawrence, swear, that on September 30th, they went from Butler's or Caverly Island to Greenwich, in a boat of Avery Lewis, with six armed men, of whom were Obadiah Valentine, Captain Joseph Sackett, Nathaniel Sackett, John Devore, Nathaniel Palmer and William Riley. They had a handkerchief tied up with sundry

nankeen jackets and breeches. Valentine had on a red broadcloth coat turned up with blue. Devore had a fine silver-mounted gun with gold touch. They saw three pistols with "R. H." on two and "E. H." on one. The crew said they had been very much drove all night by refugees and horse.

1782.—David Jarvis swears, that about eight o'clock on the evening of October 9th, a party of armed men came to the house of John Burtis [now Dr. Purdy's], on Cow Neck, and demanded admittance or they would break the door open. Thereupon Burtis went to the garret and fired a gun out of the window to alarm the neighbors. On that they tried to break the door down. He (Jarvis) hid them he gone, when one presented his gun at him which missed fire. Then Jarvis fired at and wounded him.

1782.—Charles Mitchell affirms, that, on October 9th, at eight o'clock in the evening, he was at James Burr's when a party of armed men came into the house in a very abrupt manner and ordered him and Burr's family under guard; and demanded all the fire-arms to be delivered up, which was done by Burr. Soon after the delivery a firing was heard on which the men left Burr's house, first ordering us not to quit the house on pain of death.

[They intended to rob Burr's store, (since the tan-yards in Manhasset Valley) but the wounding of James Brown, the ringleader, by Jarvis prevented their carrying their wicked scheme into execution. Brown was a native of New York, but had Governor Trumbull's Commission. He lay at Stamford October 21st, 1782. John Thompson, late of Long Island, but now in Stamford, ought to be taken up, says Aspinwall Cornwell.]—Ed.

1782.—John Burtis, blacksmith, and David Jarvis, his apprentice, swear, that about one o'clock in the morning of October 25th, about twenty armed men came to Burtis's house, ordered the door opened or they would break it down, or set the house afire, as they were determined to have them dead or alive, as they had wounded Captain Brown, of the other shore, who was now lying on his death-bed. On their refusing to open the door, they fired several shots into the house, and one of them called out to *force the house*, on which B. and J. returned the fire and several shots were exchanged. At the same time several of said party went over to James Burr's store (ten rods distant) when we heard considerable firing, and some time after the party returned with a considerable quantity of goods. We still kept up a fire at them and killed one Stephen Martin, of Stratford, who had a commission in his pocket signed by John Hancock. By which it appeared that he commanded an armed boat the *Rochester*. We believe the party came over from Stamford in two whale boats the evening before. After the party went from Burtis's house we went to Burr's store and found it broke

\*Adam Mott, east side, of Cow Neck, was twice robbed; once of a great deal of clothing.

open, and James lying on the floor dead from a shot he received through the body.

1782.—James Hewlett [of Cow Neck] swears, that in the evening of October 27th, about ten o'clock, a party of armed men came to his house and broke a window, then came in and robbed him of about £400 (New York currency) and many articles of plate and clothing, and committed many outrages by threatening him and snapping a piece at him to make him discover where his moneys were. He knew none of them.

1782.—William Mott, Jr., of Great Neck says, that at midnight, November 9th, a number of armed men came to my door and immediately broke in and came to my bedside, where we lay, and demanded £500. We, supposing them to be these infernal crew of robbers, immediately gave up all the money we had in the house, £35 or £40, but that did not satisfy them, they still demanded more. We honestly told them we had no more, [even] if they took our lives—we had not a farthing more in the house. On which, in a most terrifying and abusive language, they swore they would have more. On which they took my father, William, aged seventy-three, out a little distance from the house and then fell to beating him with the breeches of their guns, till at length they struck him on the head with the breech of a gun. He perceiving the blow coming, clapped up his hands on his head which saved his head from the extremity of the blow, otherways the Doctor judged it would undoubtedly have finished him. Then they dragged him to the door. We then got him to the bed. They then left him. Then they took me and beat me till I am as black as the chimney-back from my shoulders to my elbows, and further down; also, my sides and back. They did this until they had almost finished me, endeavoring to extract more money from me, which it was not in my power to give. They finally desisted and then went to plundering the house of clothing and bedding and sundry articles as nearly as we can estimate to the amount of £80. They then solemnly declared they would shortly pay us another visit and take our lives, if they did not find a sum of money. Which usage has terrified us to leave our habitation with a large family in the utmost difficulty. Some of us not having a second garment to put on. We can't call the names of these robbers though we have seen several of them sundry times.

1782, Nov. 10.—George Elwyn swears, that he was lately taken prisoner by Rutger Bleeker, captain of a whale boat, on which I gave my parole to appear soon after, at Stamford, where I went, accordingly, and delivered myself up to Colonel Campfield, when I saw said B., who enquired of me whether any accident had happened on Long Island, and whether James Burr was killed or not. I said he was. B. then said what has become of Martin, whom Burtis or his appren-

tice had killed? I informed B. that Martin was buried very decently. B. informed me that a gunboat would be brought up before Burtis's house and blow it to atoms, or burn it, or that he (B.) would burn the house of any other person on Long Island who should offer to defend it.

1782.—Nathaniel Pearsall makes oath, that on the night of October 25th, a party of armed men came to the house of Israel Pearsall,\* and were breaking in when I opened the door, and they took away cash and other articles to the value of £30. They abused me much and flashed a pistol at me to make me discover where Israel kept his money—he being absent—until an alarm being made they went off. Soon after I saw a boat going away in which, I suppose they came.

1782.—Examination of Barent Masten, December 3rd, late from Long Island: "I left Beekman Precinct in July, 1780, went to Long Island, and worked for farmers there; left Long Island six weeks ago; landed at Stamford and remained there five weeks; joined a whale boat crew, under John Jackson, of Long Island, consisting of John Thompson, of Long Island; Townsend Hutchings, of Cow Neck; and a man from Stamford; I went one trip with John Devore and six men; landed at Matinecock, at the house of Avery Lewis; he was at home; we got liquor; there was no plundering."

1782, Dec. 1.—The whale boat expeditions from Connecticut across the Sound to Long Island, had now (somewhat like our modern guerilla warfare) degenerated into a downright robbery of friend and foe, without distinction. The Whigs, in what is now called North Hempstead, collected all the evidence they could of these outrages and forwarded the preceding depositions to Governor Clinton, by Colonel John Sands. This put a check to the career of many an outlaw. Here follow some of their names.—*Ed.* :

Rutger Bleeker. He robbed and hung Richard Thorne.†

James Brown's crew, now living at Stamford, but lately from Cow Neck—all refugees, viz. :

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| William Roe,   | Barent Masten,      |
| John Jackson,  | John Devore,        |
| John Thompson, | Townsend Hutchings. |

James Bentley, a refugee, at Stamford. He and Valentine Rider robbed Samuel Seaman and Luke Fleet.

Jabez Ferris, a refugee, Benjamin Howell, Nathaniel Sacket, of Bedford, Obadiah Valentine, and Patrick Stout, robbed William Cock.

Thomas Sniffin, a refugee, and Nehemiah Lyon robbed Cock and Burr. John Wilkinson was Captain of the boat.

James Brown was a refugee from Rye to Long

Since Mrs. Cairns', Hempstead Harbor.

†This hanging was to torture Major Thorne into a disclosure of his hidden treasures.

Island, and now a refugee from Long Island; a very bad character—a thief and a robber.

Richard Valentine, a refugee from Long Island. Robert Simmons, of Westchester. A warrant is issued for his arrest.

Joseph Willets, of Westbury, was robbed of £30 or £40, by some soldiers, who lay at Jericho. They maltreated him with a view of extorting more money, till his sister Sarah rushed in to avert the blows from her brother, saying, you will not strike an unarmed woman. On his making complaint to the authorities, the soldiers were drawn up in two rows, and he was ordered to walk between and point out the robbers, but the conscientious and humane Quaker relented and told the officers he could not identify them with sufficient accuracy to have them punished. So they were let off.\*

During the latter part of the Revolutionary war a party of men and women sailed out from the head of Cow Bay, on a Sunday pleasure excursion up the Sound, in a market boat. On their return, being heated with liquor, they became reckless and overloaded the small boat that was to land the passengers. It upset off the fishing rock, near what is now Charles H. Willet's, west side of Manhasset, and thirteen persons were drowned. A man on shore, who saw them struggling in the water, supposed they were in sport. Among the lost were the names of Avery, Judkins and Hutchings. They were buried in an old burying ground, on land now of William Hewlett, north of his mill pond.

[The following extracts are taken from an *imitation antique*, entitled: "Personal Recollections of the American Revolution," edited under the pseudonym of Sidney Barclay, the real writer being L. M. P. The scene and chief characters are mythical, but the book being a neat patch-work of "Revolutionary Incidents," is readable if not reliable.]—*Ed.*

Robert Lester, an active Tory, was awakened, at midnight, by a loud crash from an immense stone thrown against his front door. The whole boat men ordered him to dress instantly. He was carried blind-fold to the Harbor and rowed over to the Main.\*—*Per. Rec. 77.*

James Parker, a farmer, was driving home from market late in the evening. As he passed a large tree by the road side, he was hailed, but disregarding the order to stop, he was shot. The horses took flight and ran three miles to Carpenter's inn, where they stopped under the shed, and stood till morning. The goods in the wagon were untouched.—*Per. Rec. 80.*

The Runners appeared in the night around the house of John Rawlins, near Westtown and were discovered when about to force the front door. Rawlins sent his negro up stairs to fire at the robbers, while he thrust a broom-stick through a broken pane of glass into a robber's face, who supposed it to be a loaded gun, and cried for mercy, when they all scampered off, under the negro's fire.—*Per. Rec. 125.*

The Runners came over from the Main-shore to attack

\*This is one version of the story; we give another elsewhere.—*Ed.*

the house of Stephen Willets, a Quaker preacher. He threw open the door and said: "Walk in friends and warm yourselves, it is chilly, this evening." He threw wood on the fire, and kept talking so fluently, that the men had not time to say a word. He then called his servant to get a good supper of bread, meat, mince-pies and cider. After they had done supper he told them their beds were ready. They were so overcome by his kindness that they were unable to begin their work of plunder, but excused themselves by saying they had some distance farther to go; and as they walked out, they could but ill conceal the knives and pistols they bore about them.—*Per. Rec. 128.*

Hugh Jarvis, a Tory from Jersey, was hard on the people, especially the non-resisting Quakers. He ordered John Perkins to go out with his boys and take their scythes and cut the grass off their own meadow-land, which they had counted on as winter-feed for their own creatures. After the war this Tory became a consistent Quaker and offered restitution.—*Per. Rec. 151.*

Four persons came over from the Main-land and surrounded the house of Richard Albertson, a wealthy farmer. They knocked at the door, and he knowing it to be useless to resist, opened it. They demanded all his money. He said he had but little. They swore furiously and rummaged the drawers and closets, and even lifted up the hearth-stone, which they knew to be a favorite hiding place for money. They then put the bed-cord around his neck and tied his hands behind him, threatening to hang him. The wife and children fell on their knees and begged for his life. She then offered them all her silver spoons and \$20 in money. This they rudely clutched, but violently demanded more. They next began to abuse his son William, aged 14. This failing to extort any more money, they struck at the father with their sabres, knocking him down and then standing him up and cutting him dreadfully, his wife meanwhile lay fainting on the floor. This went on till day-dawn, when they left, threatening to burn the house over his head. An association, of which Richard Thompson was leader, was formed to ride about all night, on horse-back, to guard the neighborhood, twelve to go out at a time.—*Per. Rec. 153.*

Three men, with black masks, and well armed with cutlasses and silver-mounted pistols, entered the house of Joseph Willets, an aged man. They told him not to be alarmed as they only wanted his money. What he gave did not satisfy their rapacity, so he reluctantly offered them a watch he had worn fifty years. They now threatened him, and one let fall his cutlass on his head, but as he stooped to avoid the blow, his cheek received a dreadful wound. He fell and his daughter ran up to her venerable parent and cried out "Oh, God! they have killed him" The villains then cut up the chairs, destroyed the furniture and broke the looking-glasses, and then left. Complaint was made to a British officer at Jerico, who had his men drawn up, and Mr. Willets' sister recognized two of them, who were "picketed," much against the will of the injured Quaker.—*Per. Rec. 157, 162.*

The house of Fry Willis, of Jerico, was entered by way of the kitchen, where a young man and woman were sitting over the fire. The robbers fired off a gun to obtain a light. They then set a guard over each bed and searched in the cabinets and desks for money and valuables, which they took to a considerable amount. The man servant "a warrior," attempted to run for his sword, but was held back. His money being concealed under a drawer escaped their notice.\*—*Per. Rec. 163.*

John Searing was observed by the enemy to be carting pork. Counting upon his having received the money for it they went to his house and demanded it. On refusing he was seized and his head placed on a block and a man stood over him with an axe, bringing it down every moment, as if to sever his head from his body. His wife then placed

\*Some of these narratives are taken from the lips of Thomas Willis, then a boy, sleeping in his trundle-bed. He died, near Jericho, September 14th, 1864, aged ninety-three.

all the money they had, about £40, at their feet and rushed to save her husband by placing her arm across his neck.—At the sight of the money they desisted. "Quaker John Searing," as he was called for distinction, was commanded by a British officer to go with his team to the Harbor to cart liquor. He was in his own wagon on the road driving, and refused the request, when a sword was brandished over his head. Searing said: "If thou seest any thing in me worthy of death, then take my life." The arm of the officer fell powerless, but he carried Searing prisoner to the Colonel who had respect to his religious scruples, and discharged him.—*Per Rec.* 164.

Some robbers on entering the house of John Willis were so exasperated at finding no booty that they tied the hands of all the family behind them, as well as those of Jos. Delaplaine\* who was their guest at the time. They dragged Mrs. Willis by the hair about the room and then left after setting fire to the house. The flames were now kindling and curling up the wooden jambs beside the fire-place, when a young woman, Phebe Powell, by dint of powerful efforts loosened one of her hands and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before releasing the rest from their thongs.—*Per Rec.* 166.

Isaac Hendrickson was tied to a bed-post and robbed. Samuel Skidmore, Black Stump, was shot through a window.

1782, Oct. 12.—For sale, the pleasant and healthy situated farm of Joseph French, Esq.,† containing twenty-six and a half acres, a quarter of a mile east of Jamaica, on the main road, where the market wagons pass the door. The house is two stories high and fifty-two feet long, with piazzas in front and rear. The well never fails in the driest summer. There is a neat laid garden with a variety of English and this country fruit, a grafted orchard fourteen years old, cider-mill, barn and other outhouses. View the premises and agree with said French. Also, to be sold, the horses, cows, hogs, wagons, cart and all the farming utensils and household furniture, a negro man, girl, and woman who is an excellent cook.

1783, Jan. 1.—Sarah Bolton Loftus, intending for England very soon, offers to let for three years (if she should live so long) the pleasant and convenient house and farm at Hallet's Cove, near the East River, called Loftus Hall.

1783, Feb. 8.—Samuel and Elizabeth Cornell, Joseph Lawrence and Jacob Suydam, Executors, offer for sale the valuable and pleasant farm of Samuel and Comfort Cornell, lately deceased, three miles east of Flushing, on the road to the Plains, and a few rods from a grist-mill, containing two hundred acres of clear and woodland, sixteen acres of salt meadow, a two-story house, out-house, wood for fence and fuel, two orchards, a well at the house, and a pond of standing water at the north and south ends of the farm.

1783, Feb. 24.—A French Academy will be

\*Joseph Delaplaine died in New York, Dec. 25, 1782, and was interred in the Friends' burying ground, when David Sands delivered a suitable discourse.—*Ed.*

†Captain French was one of the Loyalists who thought it best to leave the Island. This farm was sold in June, 1783, to James Jarvis, merchant, of Boston. It was once occupied by Bishop Seabury, afterwards by Captain Byrne, and now by Walter Nichols.—*Ed.*

opened at No. 38 William Street, near the Swamp Church, by John Henry Hentz, who formerly taught the French language at Hempstead, and for several years since in this city.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1783, Feb. 27.—Died, at Newtown, Friday last, Mrs. Anne, wife of William Weynman, aged twenty-six, of a lingering disorder, a lady universally regretted by all her acquaintance.

1783.—*Public Auction.*—To be sold, March 21st, at twelve o'clock, (if fair weather; if not the next fair day) at the office of Police,\* Jamaica, a quantity of household furniture [the property of George Duncan Ludlow], consisting of mahogany tables and chairs, beds and bedsteads, a very elegant eight-day clock, glass, china, earthen and pewter ware, and some plate, with a variety of kitchen utensils. Also, a likely negro wench with her male child, and a riding mare four years old.

1783, March 17.—Sale, by public auction, of the whole stock of Hart & Chaloner, at their store, Jamaica, consisting of a good assortment of seasonable dry goods, china and earthenware, some groceries, etc., well worth the attention of shopkeepers. Also, their household furniture. Robert Service, Hugh Henderson and David Knox, Trustees.

1783, March 31.—The partnership of Cunningham, Scott & Co., Jamaica, is dissolved. All persons indebted will please pay Charles Cunningham, who will dispose of the remaining stock on very reasonable terms.

To His Excellency George Clinton, Esq., Governor of the State of New York:

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR, April 10th, 1783.

We, the subscribers, being a Committee appointed by sundry persons of Flushing, Hempstead and Oysterbay, in Queens County, to congratulate your Excellency on the return of peace and the Independence of the United States of America, and at the same time to express to your Excellency our apprehensions of the dangerous situation we shall be in, before civil Government takes place. We wish to have your Excellency's advice in what manner we are to proceed. The election of a Governor for this state we are informed is approaching, and as we think ourselves entitled to a voice with our fellow citizens of the State we beg to have your Excellency's opinion and advice and the bearer, Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, has directions to explain our intentions and wishes more at large.

SAMUEL TOWNSEND,  
HENDRICK ONDERDONK,  
JOSEPH LAWRENCE.

1783, April 14.—Joseph Burrows offers to let, from May 1st, a very convenient house with stable, barn, orchard and garden, within a few rods of the church, in the centre of Newtown, where Mr. Bonney now lives.

\*Now Mr. John N. Brinckerhoff's.

1783, *April 14.*—John Lewis, Newtown landing, cautions all persons against trusting any person of his family.

1783, *April 14.*—James Way,\* at Newtown landing, offers to let the place that Hendrick S. Lot and Jonathan Husted lived on last year, containing ten acres, and salt meadow within twenty rods of said landing; and another place within ten rods of it, where John Cane now lives and keeps a considerable store. It is well situated for a gentleman's country seat. Also, twenty-two acres on which is a good house, orchard, garden and spring of water one hundred and five yards from the door. It is one and a half miles from said landing, and from Captain Rapelye's, John Way's and the public road. Also, part of the place said Way lives on. Also, one hundred acres, with a house of five rooms, and three fire-places, the barn not finished, one mile from said landing with ten acres of orchard.

1783, *April 21.*—At vendue and immediate possession given, the farm belonging to the late Major John Lynch, in Southwoods, (formerly belonging to Mr. Magey Wigans) on the great road leading from Hempstead to Rockaway, consisting of seventy-six acres of arable and woodland, a good house, orchard, new paved-in garden and good well, convenient for a store or tavern. There is a grist- and saw-mill close by. Fish and wild-fowl are plenty within three miles.

1783, *April 28.*—To let, from May 1st, the large commodious dwelling-house at Jamaica, where Michael Price now keeps store, with barn, stable and garden. Apply to Anthony Moore, on the premises, or said Price, in Wall Street, New York.

1783, *May 12.*—To let, the farm now occupied by Mr. John Walters, within two miles from Jamaica, on the main road from New York, consisting of one hundred acres, a great part meadow and mowing ground, two orchards, and wood for two fires, with sufficient timber for the repairs of the farm. The house is pretty good, barn and well in very good order. Apply to Christopher Smith and Cary Ludlow, near Jamaica, or R. N. Auchmuty, New York.

1783, *May 19.*—House and garden in Jamaica, to let, on the Flushing road, opposite the Church, lately occupied by the Widow Harris.

1783, *June 4.*—Last week, his Excellency George Clinton, Esq., was declared duly elected, for the three years ensuing, Governor of New York. The following is a view of the Poll:

|                  |       |       |                |
|------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| George Clinton,  | - - - | 3,584 | } legal votes. |
| Philip Schuyler, | - - - | 643   |                |
| Ephraim Payne,   | - - - | 520   |                |

\*James Way was, if we may trust the Assessment Roll of 1786, the richest man in Newtown. He was nearly twice as rich as Simon Remsen or Thomas Lawrence, who were rated nearly twice as high as either Richard Alsop, William Sackett, William Lawrence or Hendrick Suydam.

N. B.—Ten precincts gave in their ballots contrary to the forms of law, and were rejected by the Inspectors. The majority for Clinton in those precincts was proportionate to the above numbers. —*Riv. Gaz.*

1783, *June 9.*—John Mott, of Long Island, moved to New York four years ago and kept a timber yard two years. He never bore arms except in the militia. He sent his man Adam and horses into John Delancey's woods last December, which were captured by some Americans. He calls Clinton the common father of the State and prays that they may be restored. His negro cost him £103, and was sold for £15 into Connecticut, horses cost \$100 and harness £6.

1783, *June 10.*—Daniel Hitchcock, (wishing to avoid the imputation of having been a Tory) writes to Governor Clinton, that he formerly resided in New York city, but now at Flushing, and was a soldier in Colonel Smith's Regiment in 1776. He had a wife in Flushing, where he then resided; and so was compelled to stay in the British lines, where he supported his decrepit father, who fled thither from Fredericksburgh.

1783, *June 9.*—Michael Price shortly intends going to Europe, and will dispose at prime cost of the remainder of his stock at his store in Jamaica, by wholesale or retail. The goods are well chosen for a country store where business has been done two years past to a considerable amount; it being the first stand for business within the British lines, except New York. The large and commodious house in which the store is kept, being rented for a year from May 1, with the barn, stable and garden, together with the goods, is a desirable object for a trader. Immediate possession given for cash exchills of exchange.

1783, *July 7.*—Peter Berton,\* at the Queen's Head Tavern, Newtown landing, offers for sale his farm of twenty-two acres. The cultivated ground is already sowed, planted and manured. The manure in the barn yard and the crops may be had on easy terms. Ten guineas earnest money is required. Full possession given on November 1st. Until which time he will pay £10 for rent.

1783, *July 28.*—If John Deakin who married a farmer's daughter on Long Island, and has not been heard of these three years, is living, and will apply to the printer, he will hear of something to his advantage. Within six years past he sailed from Portsmouth, England, in a man-of-war, was in the attack on Sullivan's Island, afterwards was in the *Phenix*, and then in the Hospital at New York.†

1783, *Aug. 4.*—Taken from Remsen's landing, south side of Long Island, a fishing boat, well

\*Captain Berton, mariner, went to New Brunswick and became a Judge.—*Ed.*

†John Deakin was married to Jane Berrien, of Newtown, January 8th, 1778, by the Rev. Mr. Bloomer, of Jamaica.

built, of white oak, with D. D. imprinted in her bows and J. S., 1776, (the year she was made) in her stern. \$10 reward and charges will be paid by Johannis Snediker, at Jamaica, or Thomas Langdon, at Rockaway Beach.

1783, Aug. 18.—Captain Charles Hicks,\* Far Rockaway, offers for sale his valuable farm of four hundred acres, including a fourth of Hog Island. There are twenty acres of Indian corn in great perfection. Also, all the stock on the plantation, consisting of cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, a quantity of wheat and rye by the bushel. Also, all sorts of farming and dairy utensils too tedious here to mention. A good title given.

1783, Aug. 25.—*Agent for Small Craft's Office, New York.*—Wanted, immediately, for the purpose of conveying Loyalists to Nova Scotia, a number of sloops, schooners, or brigs, of from fifty to one hundred and twenty tons burthen.

1783, March 1.—To be sold or let, the pleasant and valuable farm of Captain Edward Allison, containing one hundred and thirty acres, at Foster's Meadow, four miles from Jamaica, on the main road to Hempstead. It has a large double house with court yard, Dutch barn, two orchards, two gardens, and is most commodiously situated for a gentleman's seat, or merchant, tradesman or tavern. Proposals received by Captain Allison,† at Flushing.

\* 1783, April 12.—For sale or to let, and immediate possession given, a farm in Herricks, sixteen acres of woodland and fourteen of cultivated land. It is excellently situated for a store or tavern, being occupied in that line for twenty years past.—There is an excellent house, outhouses, orchards, etc. Enquire of John M'Intosh, on the premises.

1783, Sept. 8.—The cold weather last week, we hear, has done great damage to the buckwheat, in many parts of the country. The Indian corn has also suffered.—*N. Y. Mercury.*

1783, Sept. 29.—The fleet for Nova Scotia, of thirty sail, put to sea yesterday morning with a fair wind.—*Riv. Gaz.*

1783, Sept. 29.—A good cook wanted immediately, by Edward Barden, Jamaica, who will give suitable encouragement to a sober person qualified for that business.

1783, Oct. 13.—\$5 Reward and charges.—Ran away from Isaac Cornell, Newtown Landing, a negro wench, aged about seventeen. Masters of vessels and others are cautioned against harboring her.

1783, Oct. 27.—Major Charles McNeil,‡ at New York, a half-pay officer of the British army, requests permission of Governor Clinton to remain

six months in the State of New York, as he has no money in America, Europe being his native place.

1783, Nov. 19.—David Colden, of Spring Hill, Flushing, writes to Governor Clinton and entreats his protection. He relies on the faith of the United States, means to stay on his farm\* and will petition His Excellency and the Legislature for relief.

1783, Nov. 18.—As Colonel Archibald Hamilton,† of Flushing, has advertised his farm for sale, these are to give notice to any person who shall purchase the same that £822, 4s., 6d., New York currency, are due by mortgage to Henry Davies, Esq., late of New York. David Jones, Attorney.

1783, Nov. 25.—*Ode on the arrival of their Excellencies General Washington and Governor Clinton in New York, on Evacuation day :*

TUNE—"He Comes! He Comes!"

They come! They come! the heroes come!  
With sounding fife and thundering drum,  
Their ranks advance in bright array,  
The Heroes of AMERICA!  
He comes! 'tis mighty WASHINGTON!  
Words fail to tell all he has done;  
Our Hero, Guardian, Father, Friend!  
His fame can never, never end:  
He comes! He comes! 'tis CLINTON comes;  
Justice her ancient seat resumes.  
From shore to shore let shouts resound,  
For Justice comes with Freedom crowned;  
She comes the white robed Virgin, Peace,  
And bids grim War his horrors cease;  
Oh! blooming Virgin with us stay,  
And bless, oh! bless AMERICA.  
Now Freedom has our wishes crowned,  
Let flowing goblets pass around:  
We'll drink to Freedom's favorite son,  
Health, Peace and Joy to WASHINGTON.

1783, Dec. 2.—Samuel Townsend, Hendrick Onderdonk, John Sands, Daniel Whitehead Kissam and Prior Townsend, in behalf of the people of Queens County, crave the interposition of the Council of State, and say, that Richard Barack, Joseph Alexander and Joseph Lockwood, whale-boat men, have been apprehended and confined in North Hempstead, charged with robbery. At present they are guarded by Queens County Militia, at considerable expense, there being no jail in the county.—*Clinton Papers.*

1783.—Last Thursday, December 11, being appointed by His Excellency Governor Clinton, on the recommendation of Congress, as a day of public Thanksgiving for the final establishment of American Independence and the long desired restoration of civil Government in the blessings of an honorable peace, was observed with the greatest deference to His Excellency's Proclamation. Ser-

\*His farm was confiscated, and Mr Colden died in England, July 10, 1784. His widow Ann, residing in Queens County, petitioned the Legislature, Nov. 15, 1784, for the use of her husband's property, but it was not granted.—*Ed.*

†Colonel Hamilton sailed for England, December 31, and died at Edinburgh, 1795. His farm was once owned by John Hoogland, and afterwards by Henry Mitchell.—*Ed.*

\*He was probably preparing to quit the country.—*Ed.*

†He went into exile and died at New Brunswick.

‡Major McNeil subsequently resided in Jamaica, and his descendants are yet in Queens County.

mons were preached at St. Paul's by the Rev. Mr. Moore,\* from Zeeh. 8: 10, 11, 12; at St. George's Chapel by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, from Ps. 126: 3; and in the old Dutch Church by the Rev. Dr. Livingston, from Jer. 32: 37-40. The congregations were numerous in other churches also, the people refraining from worldly labor and recreation.—*Riv. Gaz.*

1783, Dec. 8.—Uriah Mitchell petitions the Council of Appointment for leave to take possession of G. D. Ludlow's estate,† on such terms as may seem good. He had cut off Mitchell's wood during the war, who had abandoned his farm and with his family fled to the upper part of the State, on the evacuation of the city, in 1776.—*Clinton Papers.*

1783, Dec. 15.—The Council of State have appointed William Boernm, of Kings County, and Robert Hinchman,‡ of Queens, to take charge of the public Records, till Clerks be duly appointed.—*Riv.*

1783, Dec. 24.—Next Monday comes on the election of Senators and Members of Assembly, who are to meet in the City Hall, New York, January 6th.

1783, Dec. 31.—For sale, that most beautiful place called Beaver Hall, situated at the Beaver Pond, Jamaica, containing fifty acres of choice land all cleared, with a good barn, an excellent house two-stories high, four rooms on a floor with fire places, a large hall and most commodious cellars. Enquire of the printer,

\*Bishop Benjamin Moore was a native of Newtown, where he taught school for a time. In 1778, he married Charity Clarke, which inspired the following rhymes:

The good Parson deserves a good Clarke;  
Such happiness had in store:  
'Twas Charity blew up the spark,  
And fix'd the high't flame in one Moore.

On the return of the exasperated Whigs to the city, Mr. Moore felt shy of appearing in public for fear of insult.—Hamilton called on him one morning and invited him to take a walk. They went arm in arm through the most public places; and as Hamilton escorted the minister back to his door, he took leave, saying, "now, Mr. Moore, you need fear no trouble. They see you are my friend."—*Ed.*

†When the exiled Whigs returned to their homes they thirsted for vengeance. It was fear for their persons and property that constrained many Loyalists to abandon their homes and seek refuge in the King's Dominions—that King who had left them to their fate! Some, however, ventured to remain, and by feeing able lawyers succeeded in saving their property from confiscation. Hence the following lines by an angry Jersey Whig:

Contractors and lawyers do vow, swear and protest,  
That Tories in York State, may live at their rest;  
Tories' guineas will save 'em from justice and law,  
No hold man of Committee dare on 'em lay paw.

‡Hinchman had been a Church-Warden, at Jamaica, before the war, and had invested £100 of the church money, which was paid back to him in Continental bills, in 1776; but, in 1780, the British Police obliged him to pay this money with interest, (£120) in specie, to the Rev. Mr. Bloomer. On petition of his widow, Joanna, the Legislature, in 1790, refunded the amount.—*Assembly Journal.*

*Billeting Soldiers.*—During the summer the British troops were off the Island in active service, or if a few remained here they abode under tents; but in winter they were huddled on the sunny side of a hill, or else distributed in farmer's houses.

A British officer accompanied by a Justice of the Peace, or some prominent Loyalist as a guide, rode around the county and, from actual inspection decided how many soldiers each house could receive, and this number was chalked on the door. The only notification was: "Madam, we have come to take a billet on your house." If a house had but one fire-place, it was passed by, as the soldiers were not intended to form part of the family. A double house for the officers, or single house with a kitchen for privates, was just the thing. The soldiers were quartered in the kitchen, and the inner door nailed up so that the soldiers could not intrude on the household.\* They, however, often became intimate with the family and sometimes intermarried. The Hessians were more sociable than the English soldiers, and often made little baskets and other toys for the children, taught them German and amused them in various ways, sometimes corrupting them by their vile language and manners. The Hessians are represented as filthy and lazy, lounging about all day long, smoking and sleeping, often filling up their rooms with chests, liquor-casks, hammocks, bird-cages, guns, boots and powder-flasks. They usually went once a month for their rations including spirits (*schnapps*). Then for some days they would be noisy enough—brawls, drumming, fifeing and dancing, card and dice playing, with a large fire blazing away all night long. So that it behoved the farmer to keep his big wood pile constantly replenished, or his rails and fences would be at once cut up by the Hessians who were proverbially handy with their hatchets. They roasted peas of which they made their coffee.

Any misconduct of the soldiers might be reported to their commanding officer, who usually did justice; but some offences could not always be proven, such as night-stealing, damage done the house or to other property.

As the soldiers received their pay in coin they were flush and paid liberally for what they bought, such as vegetables, milk, or what they could not draw with their rations.

These soldiers were a safe-guard against robbers and whaleboatmen. Some had their wives with them who acted as washer-women, and sometimes in meaner capacities.—*Ed.*

From a perusal of the Orderly book of General Delancey, it appears that he used every means to protect the persons and property of the inhabitants of Long Island from the outrages of British soldiers. They were not allowed to go over half a mile from camp at day-time, (and for this purpose the roll was called several times during the day) nor leave it under any pretext after sundown, without a pass. But now and then they would slip out and rob. On the 11th of June, 1778, Mr. John Willet, of Flush-

ing, was assaulted at his own house, at 11 o'clock at night, by persons unknown, but supposed to be soldiers from having bayonets and red clothes, who threatened his life and to burn his house. The General offered a reward of \$10 to the person who should first make the discovery to Major Waller, and a like reward for the discovery of the person who robbed Mr. Willet, on the 9th of June, of two sheep, a calf and some poultry, as he is determined to inflict exemplary punishment and put a stop to practices so dishonorable to the King's service.—Again, March 9th, 1778, Mrs. Hazard, of Newtown, having complained that the soldiers of the guard pulled down and burnt up her fence that was near the guard-house, the General at once issued an order to the officer that he should hold him answerable thereafter, for any damage done the fences.—So too if a soldier milks the farmers' cows, he shall be punished without mercy; nor shall he go in the hay-field and gather up some new-mown grass to make his bed of. Generally the farmers were honestly paid for whatever they sold. For instance, April 23d, 1778, they were notified to call on Mr. Ochiltree, Deputy-Commissary of Forage, at Flushing, with proper certificates and get payment for their hay.—*Ed.*

So many British soldiers and refugees being scattered over the Island during the Revolution, many matrimonial alliances took place. We give a few :

#### MARRIAGES BY THE REV. MR. CUTTING, HEMPSTEAD.

- 1777, Jan. 7.—Major Joseph Greene, New York Volunteers, to Hannah Townsend, Oysterbay.  
 1777, Jan. 14.—Thomas Elms\* to Freelove Ellison, Hempstead.  
 1777, April 20.—Captain Jacob Smith, Delancey's Brigade, to Martha Birdsall.  
 1778, Oct. 23.—Captain J. F. S. Smith to Abigail Leferts, Hempstead.  
 1779, Jan. 29.—Ichabod Smith, Lieutenant, Delancey's Brigade, to Susan Marvin, Hempstead.  
 1779, Jan. 31.—Michael Price,† New York, merchant, to Helena Cornell, Hempstead.  
 1779, May 11.—Captain Edward Allison, Delancey's Third Battalion, to Sarah Clowes, Hempstead.  
 1779, May 11.—Captain Elijah Miles, Third Battalion of Delancey's Brigade, to Frances Cornwell, Hempstead.  
 1779, May 13.—Francis Armstrong, Refugee, to Sarah Luyster, Oysterbay.  
 1779, Nov. 11.—Benjamin Hilton, late of Albany, attorney-at-law, to Susanna Greswold, Hempstead.  
 1780, Aug. 10.—William Curtis, Volunteer in His Majesty's New Hampshire Regiment, to Sarah Bedell, Hempstead.  
 1781, March 29.—James Powell, Refugee, to Elizabeth Smith, Hempstead.  
 1781, May 17.—James Hume, Second-Lieutenant in His Majesty's army, to Patty Remsen, Oysterbay.  
 1781, Aug. 20.—Thomas Carpenter, Ensign and Adjutant,

Third Battalion Delancey's Brigade, to Lueretia Quintard, late of Connecticut, now of Suffolk County.

1781, Sept. 14.—Thomas Cummings, of General Wentworth's Volunteers, to Widow Lucy Porter, of Suffolk County.

1782, March 24.—Noah Selleck, Ensign, Delancey's Third Battalion, to Phebe Denton, Huntington.

1782, May 28.—Frederick Dibble,\* Refugee from Connecticut, now in Queens County, to Nancy Brush, of West Hills.

1783, Feb. 28.—Josiah Burgess, Lloyd's Neck, to Widow Margaret Verity, Hempstead.

1783, April 30.—Lieutenant Thomas Coffield,† North Carolina Volunteers, to Martha Carman, Hempstead.

1783, June 16.—Lieutenant Henry Holland, Queen's Rangers, to Jane Bailey, spinster, Jamaica.

1783, July 22.—Nicholas Van Hoesen, now of Queens County, to Jane Everitt, of Albany County.

1783, July 24.—William Clisholm, Twenty-Third Regiment, to Ann Verity.

1783, Aug. 16.—John Henry Augustus Fricke, Sixtieth Regiment, to Alethea Gildersleeve, Hempstead.

1783, Sept. 2.—Captain John Althouse, New York Volunteers, to Jane Jackson, Jerusalem.

1783, Sept. 8.—Lieutenant Enoch Plummer, Third Battalion, Sixtieth Regiment of British troops, to Abigail Batty, Hempstead.

No date.—Robert Brown, Seventeenth Regiment British Light Dragoons, to Mary Rhoads, Hempstead.

#### MARRIAGES, MOSTLY BY THE REV. MR. BLOOMER, JAMAICA.

1776, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas James to Margaret Depeyster.

1777, May 4.—Lieutenant George Brown, to Mary French.

1778, Jan. 26.—At Flushing, Beverly Robinson, Jr., Esq., Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal American Regiment, to the accomplished Miss Nancy Barclay.

1780, June 11.—Captain John Meredith to Gertrude Skinner, a young lady whose mental and personal accomplishments promise the most permanent felicity.

1782, June 9.—Charles Saltmarsh, Sergeant, Seventieth Regiment, to Mary Adams, Jamaica.

1782, Dec. 14.—Lieutenant James Smith, Seventy-ninth Regiment, to Mary Daine? of Queens County.

1782, Dec. 14.—Peter Ball, Clerk of the Hospital, New York, to the amiable and accomplished Charity Lott, of Flatbush.

1783, March 16.—James M'Euen, soldier, Third Battalion, Delancey's Brigade, to — Seaman, Flushing.

1783, March 26.—Joshua Garret, Ensign, King's Florida Rangers, to widow Yashti Carr, or Kerr, Oysterbay.

1783, May 4.—Abraham Reade, soldier in Colonel Robinson's Regiment, to Mary Clay, Flushing.

1783, Sept. 14.—James Cotter, soldier, Fifty-seventh Regiment, to Margaret McLean.

1783, Nov. 3.—Thomas Martin Palmer, Lieutenant to Admiral Digby, to Catharine McEvers, Jamaica.

1784, Sept. 30.—David Purdy, Ensign, King's American Regiment, to Mary Rapelye, Newtown.

1785, Sept. 22.—David Chapman, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, to Elizabeth Doughty, Jamaica.

1792, April 10.—Monson Hoyt, late Lieutenant, Prince of Wales' Volunteers, to Lueretia Hammersly, Jamaica.

Most of the above went at the peace to New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, where many obtained

\*Elms was a paper-maker in 1775, at Hempstead Harbor; and, during the war, kept tavern in New York and Brooklyn under the firm of Loosley & Elms. He went to New Brunswick, where his wife was drowned by the upsetting of a sailboat.

†Mr. Price, March 3d, 1787, petitioned the Legislature for leave to return and reside in this state.

\*The Rev. Mr. Dibble became Rector of a church in New Brunswick.

†Lieutenant Coffield had to advertise for his wife, whom her mother had kept concealed from him that she might not go with her loving husband to Nova Scotia.

office under the British Government, and the officers retired on half-pay. Some account of them may be found in Sabine's *Lives of the Loyalists*.—*Ed.*

1784, Feb. 5.—Charlotte, widow of Whitehead Hicks, offers to let his house and farm at Flushing, now in tenure of John Thurman.

1784, Feb. 16.—Uriah Mitchell is appointed Sheriff, and Abraham Skinner, Clerk of Queens County.

1784, March 11.—Samuel, Melancton, Benjamin and Israel Smith, Executors, offer for sale the farm of Samuel Smith, Esq., deceased, half a mile east of Jamaica, containing two hundred acres.

1784, March 15.—Benjamin Akerly and other inhabitants of the north side of Hempstead, petition the Legislature for a division of said town.

1784, March 15.—John Luyster and other inhabitants of Queens County petition the Legislature for a Court House and Jail, to be erected at the west end of Hempstead Plains. Joseph Robinson and others, of Jamaica and Flushing, pray that any future Court House may be in Jamaica, at or near the old site.

1784, March 16.—Mr. Robert Maharg and his sister Margaret are desired to call on William Howard, Newtown, Executor to the estate of their brother, Alexander, to receive the charge committed to his care, which will reward them for their trouble.

1784, April 16.—Richard Sands petitions for the exclusive right of a ferry from Cow Neck to New Rochelle. The Committee report that a well regulated Ferry is necessary.

1784, April 29.—Uriah Mitchell, Sheriff, petitions the Legislature for the use of G. D. Ludlow's house for a County Jail, till the Court House and Jail be erected. Granted, provided the Sheriff reside there from the 1st of May.

1784, May 6.—For sale, the farm of Jacob Sharpe, Jamaica, on the main road, nine miles from Brooklyn ferry, containing two hundred acres.

1784, May 13.—A negro man, Frank, yellow complexion, aged forty five, is now at Newtown. He says he once belonged to Coventan Simpkins, Virginia. The owner, by proving property and applying to John S. Waldron, can have him again.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1784, May 17.—EDUCATION.—The Rev. Matthias Burnet begs leave to inform the respectable public that he will undertake the instruction of a small number of youth (not exceeding twelve or fourteen) in the Latin and Greek languages; and to render his plan more extensively useful, he has engaged a person to attend a part of every day to instruct (such as may desire it) in writing, vulgar arithmetic and book-keeping. Those who shall

please to commit the education of their children to his care may depend upon the strictest attention to their learning and morals.

1784.—One guinea reward and charges. Ran away, Sunday, June 27th, from Sarah (widow of Garret) Latting, Jamaica, a likely negro boy, Tom, aged sixteen, a great talker, talks English and Dutch; pretends to be a fiddler and took one with him. He wore a beaver hat, brown linen jacket with silver buttons. He has no known mark.—Bill, a boy of same age and size went with him.—*Loudon's N. Y. Packet.*

1784, June 30.—The utility of public advertising will appear from the following instance. A few days ago the house of Mr. Thorne was broken into by a desperate set of banditti; after much expense and loss of time, Mr. T. was advised to advertise; and one Mr. —, a silversmith in New Slip, on reading the advertisement recollected that an indigent person had left a tankard for sale at his shop, the preceding day. In a few minutes after the man entered the shop and being secured, was carried before a magistrate, where he confessed, and was admitted state's evidence. In consequence of which two of his confederates were apprehended, the fourth, the most active and desperate, is still at large, but as he is well known and was lately seen in the city, it is likely he will soon be taken.—*N. Y. Gaz.*

On Tuesday morning, November 2d, William Guthrie and Joseph Alexander, pursuant to sentence, were hanged at Beaver Pond, for robbery and burglary, at the house of Thomas Thorne, east side of Cow Neck. James Ramage, who turned state's evidence was pardoned, October 28th, as was also Osgood Brown, whose father, in Massachusetts, had interest enough with Governor Hancock to get him to intercede in his behalf.—*N. Y. Packet and Book of Commissions, (Albany) D. 6, p. 250.*

1783, July 28.—The following persons were indicted in Albany and Dutchess Counties for adhering to the enemies of this state, and notified to appear at the next term of the Supreme Court to traverse the indictments, and show cause why their property should not be forfeited to the people of this state:

Of New York—Henry Peters, Michael Price, merchants; Lambert Moore, Esq., John Moore, gentleman. Of Oysterbay—Israel and Isaac Youngs, millers; Penn Weeks, Johannis Barnet, Thomas Place, Jr., yeomen; John Hewlett, Esq. Of Hempstead—John Kissam, Joseph, Stephen and Thomas Thorne, Stephen Hewlett, Hewlett Townsend, yeomen. Of Newtown—Jacob and John Moore, Lieutenant James Marr, Captain Dow Van Dyne. Of Jamaica—Johannis Polhemus, innkeeper. Of Huntington—Arthur Dingey.—*Ed.*

1783, Oct. 22.—The Supreme Court opened at Albany with a charge to the jury by Robert Yates,

Esq., one of the puisne judges, when a great number of persons from very distant abodes appeared, to traverse indictments preferred against them on the charge of adhering to the enemies of this state; all of whom were treated with the utmost hospitality and good humor by the worthy inhabitants of that city.—*Riv. Gaz.*

Previous to this the Legislature had, October 23d, 1779, forfeited the property of the following, among other persons, and banished them forever from the state, viz.: William Axtell, John Rapelye and Miles Sherbrook, of Kings County; George Duncan and Gabriel G. Ludlow, Thomas Jones, George Folliot, David Colden, Daniel Kissam, the elder, and Henry Lloyd of Queens County; George Muirson, Parker Wickham and Richard Floyd, of Suffolk County.—*Ed.*

1784, Aug. 12.—Strayed from Elderd Van Wyck, East Woods, a black mare; if stolen, two half Joes reward for securing and bringing the thief to justice.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1784, Sept. 7.—At nine o'clock, on Friday evening, as Major Hendrick Hendrickson, of Long Island, was travelling on the road to Stonington Point, he was struck on the head with a sword and robbed, by three persons on horseback, of one hundred and fifty half-joes, forty-one guineas, and twenty half-guineas. He succeeded in crawling to the house of R. Cheeseborough, where his wounds were dressed, and he is now doing well.

1784.—To be sold, September 17th, at the inn of Joseph Betts, Jamaica, the household furniture, farming utensils, riding chair, horses and cows, seized and attached as the property of Joseph French, gentleman, for the benefit of his creditors.

1784.—Run away from Isaac Hashbrouck, at Oysterbay, October 20th, a negro man Isaac, who has lived there a year, and passed himself as free. He is very ragged, has a coat patched of different colors, pock-marked, speaks quick and stammers. Whoever delivers him to John Townsend shall have \$5 and charges.

1784, Nov. 25.—Robert G. Livingston, New York, offers for sale, the farm on Little Plains, formerly occupied by James Everitt, on the south side of the road from Jamaica to Hempstead. Also, a farm of twenty acres, north side of the great plains, formerly occupied by David Valentine.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1785, Jan. 27.—Daniel Clements offers for sale, his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, one mile from Flushing landing, on a very public road; a good stand for business. It has a large orchard which makes excellent cider, a peach orchard and various other trees. On it is a house, barn, out-houses and mill-house.

1785, Feb. 26.—John Allen and others, Benjamin Coles and others, Hendrick Onderdonk and others, Henry Allen and others, William Simonson and others, William McCoun and others, petition the Legislature for a law to raise money for a Court House and Jail in Queens County.

1785, March 7.—For sale, the farm of Benjamin North deceased, containing forty-two acres, one mile from Newtown, on the road to Jamaica.

1785, March 9.—Willett Skidmore and others, of Flushing; Simon Horton and others, of Newtown, petition the Legislature for a Court House at Jamaica. James Cebra, of Jamaica, and Silvanus Beedle, of Hempstead, also present petitions respecting the most convenient and advantageous situation for erecting a Court House and Jail.—*Ass. Jour.*

1785, March 10.—Henry Stocker and John Woolley, petition the Legislature for right of ferry across the Sound, from Great Neck to the Main.

SALE OF THE LANDS OF LOYALISTS, IN QUEENS COUNTY, BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FORFEITURES.

| Date of sale.   | Owner.             | Where.                        | Price. | Acres. | Buyer.              | Residence.    |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------|
| Nov. 29, 1784.  | Johannes Polhemus, | Jamaica.                      | £1,650 | 200    | Marinus Willet.     | New York.     |
| May 16, 1784.   | Dow Vandine,*      | Newtown.                      | 1,900  | 200    | Thomas McFarren,    | New York.     |
| July 30, 1784.  | David Colden,*     | Flushing.                     | 1,800  | 240    | William Cornwell,   | Flushing.     |
| Aug. 5, 1784.   | Daniel Kissam,*    | North Hempstead.              | 2,000  | 330    | Peggy Kissam.       | Cow Neck.     |
| Aug. 5, 1784.   | Gabriel G. Ludlow, | North Hempstead and Flushing. | 800    | 140    | Capt. John Berrien  | Newtown.      |
| Aug. 5, 1784.   | Henry Lloyd,       | Lloyd's Neck.                 | 2,900  | 700    | Isaac Ledyard.      | Lloyd's Neck. |
| Aug. 21, 1784.  | George Folliot,    | Jamaica.                      | 500    | 24     | Abraham Skinner,    | Jamaica.      |
| Nov. 17, 1784.  | Joseph Ford,†      | Quaker Lot at Jamaica         | 450    | 300    | Melancion Smith,†   | New York.     |
| Nov. 17, 1784.  | George D. Ludlow,  | Hempstead.                    | 2,000  | 300    | Israel Wells,       | Goshen.       |
| March 12, 1785. | George D. Ludlow.  | Hungry Harbor.                | 265    | 26     | Dr. Chas. McKnight, | New York.     |

\* His widow petitioned the Legislature for Dover. Hannah Vandine received £290. † Ford was a tavern-keeper in Jamaica, (where Jacob Smith now lives) a busy oppressive man from New England. ‡ Son of Samuel Smith, of Jamaica, as pure a man as ever lived, an anti-federalist, whom Hamilton regarded as his most formidable opponent.—*Hammond.*

1784, July 22.—The Rev. John Bowden, Jamaica, offers a reasonable reward and charges for his negro boy, Bill aged twenty, who ran away, and had on a short olive-colored coat, double-breasted waistcoat and striped trowsers.

1785, *March 17*.—For sale, the farm of John Parsells, near Hallett's Cove, adjoining the widow Blackwell. It has two stone quarries.

1785, *March 31*.—Thirty Loyalists (among them Mr. Moore, of Newtown,) have returned to New York from Nova Scotia.

1785, *March 31*.—An Act was passed requiring the Supervisors of Queens County to raise £2,000 to build a Court House and Jail at or near Benjamin Cheeseman's, in North Hempstead. The Judges of the Common Pleas are authorized to superintend and direct the building of the same with good economy; and till it be finished, to hold their courts at Jamaica.

1785, *April 11*.—William Valentine held an inquest on the body of Niah Smith who lived where Elbert Arthur since did, at Herricks. Smith had sold a yoke of oxen and as he returned home to the barn to put up his horse, the report of a gun was heard, when his wife exclaimed to her servant: "There! your master is shot," and so it proved to be; but he was not robbed, for on searching for him he was found lying dead with his dog guarding his body and the price of the oxen in his pocket. No clue was ever found to his mysterious death, though suspicion was fixed on a certain person.—*Ed.*

1784, *June 3*.—On Saturday, Mr. John Way, of Newtown, a person of ease and affluence, who had been very cheerful all the morning, went in his kitchen, and said: "Girls, you must take care of yourselves, I am done for." He then went in an adjoining room where he was, not long after, found dead. He left an only daughter.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1785, *Oct. 19*.—Last Friday were the sweepstakes over Beaver Pond, Jamaica. Heats one mile by

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|------------------------|---|---|---|
| The black horse Ariel, | - | 1 | 1 |
| Bay mare Matchless,    | - | 3 | 2 |
| The gelding Sloven,    | - | 4 | 3 |
| The horse Brilliant,   | - | 2 | 4 |

The second heat was admirably disputed and won by a neck, from the mare, which was the proud winner a few months ago.

1786, *Jan. 2*.—*One guinea reward*.—Ran away from Johannes Polhemus, living at Jamaica, a negro man, Brock, commonly known by the name of Tom, and pitted with the small-pox; supposed to be lurking somewhere in New York till he can get a passage to Nova Scotia, as he was seen to pass Long Island ferry. Masters of vessels are forbid carrying him away.—*N. Y. Packet.*

1786, *Jan. 9*.—Esther Townsend, Oysterbay, offers to let two grist-mills, always supplied with water, and a farm of two hundred and fifty acres, eligibly situated. On it are two houses, outhouses and orchard. It commands a view of the Sound and fronts the harbor, which abounds in fish and

fowl in their season. It will be let at the house of Nicholas Weeks, adjoining.—*Daily Advertiser.*

1786, *Jan. 16*.—Samuel and Josiah Blackwell offer for sale the farm of Jacob Blackwell, deceased, of Newtown, on the East River, containing one hundred and six acres, with house, kitchen, bake-house, milk-house, cider mill-house, fowl-house, large barn and two orchards of six hundred trees.

1786.—January 19th, at sunrise, the mercury stood at twenty-four degrees below zero, which is two degrees colder than it was in 1780 and 1784. It was extremely cold all day.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1786, *Jan. 23*.—Gregory Richie, of Hempstead Harbor, petitions the Legislature for aid in erecting a paper mill.

1786, *Jan. 26*.—Anthony and Benjamin Betts offer for sale the farm of William Betts, deceased, two miles from Newtown landing, containing one hundred and seven acres, and cuts twenty loads of hay, and is convenient to the New York market. On it are a house cider-mill, wagon-house, workshop, barn, and two orchards of Newtown pippins, far preferable for bearing to any in the place, and a thriving peach-orchard. There is a large quantity of turf, which in a few years will be very valuable. On it is a spring of water convenient for watering cattle.

1786, *Feb. 1*.—Charles Roach and others petition the Legislature for leave to open a ditch through the wet tract of meadow, near the middle of Newtown, as it is prejudicial to health and the interest of the land owners; the ditch to run from C. Roach's to a division line between Abraham Rapelyea and Ann Fish, and the owners of the meadow to choose the managers.—*Ass. Journal.*

1786, *Feb. 2*.—Thomas Bowne, New York, offers for sale the farm of Jacob Bowne, deceased, Mill Neck, Oysterbay, containing two hundred acres, with salt meadow and marsh adjoining. On it are a large house, barn, out-houses, five hundred apple trees and other fruit.

1786, *Feb. 2*.—Ambrose and Samuel Fish, Executors, offer for sale the farm of Nathan Smith, deceased, one and a half miles from Flushing landing, on the road to Jamaica, containing one hundred and thirty acres. The house has eight rooms on a floor, with two kitchens. On it are a storehouse, barn, outhouses, orchard, a brook, spring and well near the house. It is an excellent stand for any public business, or a gentleman's country seat.

1786, *Feb. 9*.—For sale, the farm belonging to the Episcopal church, Jamaica, pleasantly situated, a mile west of the village. It contains seventy acres, (six of which are wood) good for pasture or tillage, a house, barn and young orchard, with a variety of other fruit. Enquire of Christopher Smith, Jamaica; Daniel Kissam, Flushing Fly, or Rev. Mr. Bloomer, Newtown.

1786, *Feb.* 20.—At an election for Representatives to the Legislature, in 1785, South Hempstead gave 127 votes; North Hempstead, 42; Newtown, 32; Flushing, 25; Jamaica, 56; and Oysterbay, 57. That out of 359 votes, 127 were from South Hempstead, that most obnoxious part of the county, is with other circumstances extremely mortifying, and demands the early attention of every virtuous citizen, and the aid of the Legislature who should turn their attention to Queens County and pass laws suitable to their peculiar situation, so that peace may be restored, and a remedy provided for those citizens whose estates are withheld by fraudulent conveyances. The virtuous suffering citizens demand their rights. The door is locked against them and the key withheld. Those who have sacrificed their fortunes and spent the prime of their lives in defence of the American cause should have redress.—*N. Y. Packet*.

1786, *Feb.* 20.—Joseph and David Roe, Executors, offer for sale the farm of David Roe, deceased, one and a half miles from Flushing, on the main road to Whitestone ferry. It contains one hundred and forty acres, with salt meadow, is well watered, has two orchards, a peach orchard and other fruits. The house has six fire-places on the lower floor and two above. There is a kitchen, store-house and other out buildings. There is a well by the door and a boiling spring a short distance from the house.

1786, *Feb.* 27.—John Howes offers for sale a small farm, lying in Newtown bounds, containing sixteen acres, upland and meadow and fifty apple trees. It is conveniently situated for a gentleman's country seat, adjoining the East River, opposite the lower end of Blackwell's Island and Turtle Bay.

1786, *Feb.* 27.—Abraham Lawrence offers for sale the south part of his Neck that makes the east side of Flushing Bay, containing a house, barn and two hundred and fifty acres of land, as good as any on Long Island, where forty loads of hay may be cut. There is a small orchard and plenty of wood for the use of the place. It is well watered and in good fence. Adjoining the upland are seventy acres of salt meadow. Fish and fowl to be had in great abundance the season round.

1786, *March* 9.—Walter Franklin's widow offers to let the farm at the head of Newtown Creek, two miles from the church. On it is a double house, barn, stable, coach-house and other buildings, an orchard and kitchen-garden. It contains twenty-nine acres fit for pasture or tillage, and is a desirable retreat for a gentleman's family. Boats go to market daily, within a few rods of the door.

1786, *March* 13.—For sale or to let, the house, barn and eight or ten acres of land, whereon David Lamberson lately lived, near the main road in Jamaica. It is a beautiful situation, and would suit any person for pleasure or profit, being very handy for water. Also, a stone-house in the main street, where M. Lewis formerly lived.

1786, *April* 3.—Stephen Rapelye offers for sale a lot, forty by fifty feet, on which, at present, a stable is erected on the south-east corner of the road facing the Presbyterian church, Jamaica.

1786, *April* 13.—Thomas Lambert Moore, Episcopal Minister at South Hempstead, takes this method of informing the public that, with the help of a proper assistant, he still continues his school, where the English, Latin and Greek languages, with various branches of mathematics, are faithfully taught, and the greatest attention paid to the morals, manners and education of the youth intrusted to his management and tuition.

1786, *May* 4.—\$5 *Reward*.—Ran away from Allen Mitchell, Great Neck, a mulatto slave, Isaac, uncommonly large boned, six feet four inches high. He had on a bear-skin coat, reddish velvet waist-coat, tow shirt and trowsers, thin shoes, and wears a watch. He had buckskin breeches.

1786, *June* 11.—Newberry Davenport offers for sale the farm that Joseph Hicks now lives on, at Far Rockaway. It has three hundred acres; the buildings in good repair. Elias Hicks, Stephen Hicks and Jacob Williams, Trustees.

1786, *July* 10.—Daniel and Altie Rapalje for £4, sell a burying-ground, at Flower Hill, to Adrian, Peter and Hendrick Onderdonk, Martin Schenck, Ann Rapalje, Thomas Dodge, Andries Hegeman, Sr. and Jr., and Elbert Hegeman, Sr. and Jr.

1786, *July* 20.—The insect that has destroyed the wheat, many years past, continues to spread, but it has no effect on the white-bearded wheat raised on Long Island. This wheat was brought here from the Southward during the war, and a few bushels sown by a Flushing farmer grew well and afforded a fine crop. He kept on and has supplied his neighbors. It grows twenty bushels to the acre and weighs over sixty pounds. It is of a bright yellow color and makes fine flour. The straw is harder and resists the poison of the fly, and supports the grain, while bearded and bald wheat were cut off.—*N. Y. Packet*.

1786, *July* 27.—Samuel Townsend and Lewis Cornell, Loan officers of Queens County inform the inhabitants thereof that they will give their attendance at the County House, or some other convenient house near it, on Monday, 31st inst., to receive the names of all that incline to borrow any of the new money.

1786, *Aug.* 3.—\$10 *Reward*.—Run away from Charles Arding, a short, well-made negro man, Flummery, but is supposed to have changed his name. He is well known about Jamaica and other places on Long Island. He had permission for a few days to look for another master.

1786, *Aug.* 7.—For sale, a fine farm on Little Plains, leading on the right to Foster's Meadow. It is in good fence all round the land. A very good stand for a tavern or shop-keeper. The

house can be repaired with little expense. It is now occupied by Mr. Benjamin Dorland, and will be sold very reasonable. Enquire of Thomas Betts, within four miles west of Jamaica.

1786, *Aug. 21*.—The wife of Jacob Doxey, at Westbury, a few days ago, was delivered of three children at a birth—two boys and a girl; all like to do well.

1786.—*Far Rockaway Races*, Wednesday, September 6th, at 3 P. M., on that convenient and spacious ground (a mile course) near Jacob Hicks' Inn. £20 Purse—the best three of two mile heats. The next day a £10 Purse—best three of one mile heats. No crossing, jostling or foul play countenanced; or if detected, the rider will be pronounced distanced. J. H., from a wish to gratify a number of gentlemen who visit his house, particularly sportsmen, is induced to set on foot so noble and manly a diversion, and wishes the same principle may excite gentlemen to contribute to the purses.

1786, *Oct. 2*.—Last Monday, died, at Jamaica, aged thirty-two, Major Stephen McDougal, son of the late Major-General McDougal.

1786, *Oct. 12*.—Died, at Moorfields, Flushing, on Sunday evening, aged thirty-four, Mrs. Gertrude Onderdonk, the amiable consort of Lambert Moore, Esq., formerly Comptroller of His Majesty's customs, after a painful illness of three years, affording the followers of her sacred Master an example worthy of imitation. She commemorated the suffering of Christ a few days before her death. The sermon at her interment, by her nephew, Rev. T. L. Moore, deeply affected the hearts of every attendant by its just representation of her character.—*N. Y. Packet*.

1786, *Nov. 30*.—Yesterday, and the day before, were uncommonly cold. Yesterday morning it was nineteen degrees. *Dec. 14*.—Wood has risen to an extravagant price since the late bad weather commenced, and sells 16s. per load.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1787, *Feb. 3*.—For sale, the beautiful and pleasant house in the town spot of Jamaica, formerly the property of Chief-Justice Horsemanden, with an excellent barn and other out-houses, and one acre of land. Apply to Daniel Lawrence, at Hell-Gate Neck.

1787, *Feb. 8*.—The Sheriff of Queens County petitions the Legislature for an Act to remove the prisoners from the jail in New York to the jail just completed in Queens County.—*Ass. Journal*.

1787.—William Valentine held an inquest on the body of Ann, a little daughter of Richard Kirk, who was accidentally drowned by falling through the ice of her father's mill-pond, (now William C. Bryant's).

1787, *April 4*.—Jerdus Hoogland's farm, Flushing, one hundred and twenty-five acres, at

present in occupation of Mr. Van Pelt, is to be sold at auction, at the Inn of John Holroyd.

1787, *April 4*.—James Cebra has taken a large and convenient house in the pleasant town of Jamaica, and proposes to keep a boarding house for gentlemen choosing to reside in the country during the summer season, and for children who may be sent thither for education, there being a very good Latin and English school next door. The stage will go every day to and from Brooklyn ferry, from May 1st.

1787, *April 5*.—Israel Wells, Goshen, offers for sale that valuable plantation of near four hundred acres, situated near the Great Plains, on Nassau Island, late the seat of Judge Ludlow. On it is an elegant two-story house and every other building necessary for a farmer or gentleman, and a great variety of fruit trees in their maturity. The place is so well known that a detail of its excellencies is needless, neither can it add to the salubrity and beautifulness of its situation. Its capital improvements and contiguity to New York and Jamaica greatly augment its value, and render it the most delightful and valuable place in the State. Enquire of Uriah Mitchell, near the premises.

1787, *April 5*.—The Hessian fly appeared on the west end of Long Island, three years before the close of the Revolutionary war, from German wheat as is supposed. The proper white-bearded wheat may be had of Mr. Underhill, miller, Flushing, who sells it for the good of the community. The fly seems to be retiring from Long Island. The last of September or beginning of October is the best time for sowing, as the mornings and evenings being frosty benumb the insect.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1787, *April 9*.—Sealy & Furman, coach and chair makers, Brooklyn, will run a daily stage from Waldron's to Bardin's Inn, Jamaica. Fare 2s. 6d.

1787, *May 2*.—Nicholas Fish offers for sale a farm of one hundred acres, at Newtown, where Jonathan Underhill now lives, being part of the estate of Jonathan Fish, deceased.

1787, *May 10*.—Of a State tax of £50,000 the quota by counties was: Queens, £4,500; Suffolk, £2,300; Kings, £4,500.

1787, *July 6*.—\$10 *Reward*.—Ran away from William Ustick, Flushing, a German man servant, John Nicholas Mathers. He had on leather breeches or Osnabrig trowsers.

1787, *Aug. 10*.—John Talman, Administrator of Oliver Talman, Flushing, issued process against Archibald Hamilton in an action of trespass, in cutting down and carrying away divers quantities of spruce trees to his damage, £2,000. Judgment rendered for the plaintiff by default.—*N. Y. Daily Advertiser*.

1787, *Aug. 24*.—A large jaw-bone was dug up

at Great Neck which Dr. S. L. Mitchell thinks to be that of a sea-cow.

1784, May 17.—Civil officers of Queens County:

*Judges.*—Timothy Smith, Prior Townsend and Benjamin Coe.

*Justices of the Peace.*—Henry Allen, Isaac Cornwell, Caleh Cornell, Abraham Ditmars, Benjamin Everit, William Lawrence, John Luyster, Jordan Seaman, John Schenck, Samuel Talman, Richard Valentine, John Way, Samuel Waldron, Samuel Youngs, Wm. Cornwell.

*Supervisors.*—Oysterbay, George Townsend; Hempstead, Adrian Onderdonk; Flushing, Stephen Van Wyck; Jamaica, Nicholas Everitt; Newtown, Samuel Riker.

*Constables and Collectors.*—Oysterbay, Samuel Burr; Hempstead, John Burtis (and John Searing, constable only); Flushing, Samuel Clement; Jamaica, Plat Smith; Newtown, John Gosline.

1784, Dec. 28.—For sale, the farm of Richard Lawrence, deceased, Newtown, formerly Samuel Renne's, containing sixty-four acres. On it are a house with eight rooms and fire-places, with an entry on each story, in suitable repair to receive any gentleman, and a large body of pipe-clay, said to be suitable for the China factory, and equal to any in America.

1786, Feb. 13.—For sale, the house and farm lately belonging to Dr. Arding, near Jamaica. The stock and farming-utensils will also be sold at a moderate price.

1787, April 26.—At the approach of every election the ill feeling against the Loyalists was appealed to, as the following electioneering song will testify:—*Ed.*

Electors, attend, pray deliver your votes;  
Beware of those lists that are made by turncoats;  
Base Tories we call 'em, a pitiful crew,  
Who every vile measure and plan will pursue.

Permit me to hold up for consideration  
Four persons to serve in the next Legislation;  
They're men whom the Whigs have fixed for your choice;  
So choose one and all with an audible voice.

Let farmers, mechanics, good Whigs, all agree  
To put in such men as are honest and free;  
Now join hand in hand in defence of our laws,  
And unite in support of fair Liberty's cause.

—N. Y. Journal.

1787, May 3.—Sealy & Furman, coach and chair makers, Brooklyn, have provided themselves with an elegant stage-coach, hung upon steel springs, with a capital pair of horses and careful driver, which will set off daily, at half-past eight, from Mrs. Waldron's, at the ferry, for Mrs. Bardin's, Jamaica; and return at four P. M., for the trifling sum of 2s. 6d. a passenger. Letters taken, if 2d. is left with each, at the stage-house.

1787, Dec. 10.—Governor Clinton, from New York city, issues a warrant through William Lasher, Collector of the Port, to the Sheriff of Queens County to seize a vessel in Hempstead Bay or

Harbor, for selling dutiable goods there without having entered them and secured the payment of duties.—*Clinton papers.*

1788, March 22.—Lucern grass is recently introduced and highly praised. It can be mowed five times in one season, and cuts eight loads of hay per acre. Cows feeding on it give larger messes of milk, and the butter is of better quality. Horses are sustained by it as on grain, in their hardest labor.

1788, May 9.—William Warne, sign of the stage-wagon, Jamaica, has taken that noted house and beautiful gardens, lately occupied by Edward Bardin, for the accommodation of ladies and gentlemen. He intends keeping a genteel stage-wagon to run to Mr. Waldron's, Brooklyn ferry, leaving Jamaica daily, except Sundays, at half-past six, and return at half-past four. Fare 2s. and 6d. Letters and baggage attended to. Each letter 3d., and baggage in proportion.

1788, May 27.—Canvass of votes in Queens County for four Members of Assembly:

|                  | Samuel Jones* | Stephen Cornell. | Whitehead Cornell. | John Schenck. | Nathaniel Seaman. | Francis Lewis. | Prior Townsend. |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Oysterbay,       | 75            | 43               | 0                  | 70            | 42                | 22             | 44              |
| North Hempstead, | 84            | 82               | 47                 | 98            | 80                | 49             | 50              |
| South Hempstead, | 203           | 219              | 147                | 123           | 25                | 33             | 8               |
| Jamaica,         | 14            | 13               | 69                 | 14            | 27                | 76             | 75              |
| Flushing,        | 9             | 9                | 56                 | 10            | 65                | 72             | 57              |
| Newtown,         | 23            | 6                | 52                 | 23            | 82                | 60             | 57              |
|                  | 408           | 377              | 371                | 338           | 321               | 312            | 291             |

\*1788, Feb. 20.—Samuel Jones, by the address of Governor Clinton, is made his active tool to serve the interests of his own party.—N. Y. Adv.

1788, May 30.—Vote of Queens County for four Delegates to the State Convention to adopt the Constitution of the United States:

|               | Samuel Jones. | John Schenck. | Nathaniel Lawrence. | Stephen Cornell. | Francis Lewis. | Henrick Onderdonk. | Prior Townsend. | Isaac Ledyard. |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Oysterbay,    | 105           | 102           | 88                  | 87               | 29             | 36                 | 43              | 22             |
| N. Hempstead, | 108           | 113           | 108                 | 106              | 70             | 68                 | 65              | 68             |
| S. Hempstead, | 232           | 231           | 214                 | 238              | 21             | 22                 | 23              | 18             |
| Jamaica,      | 23            | 23            | 23                  | 22               | 107            | 106                | 103             | 103            |
| Flushing,     | 13            | 13            | 13                  | 13               | 110            | 101                | 99              | 104            |
| Newtown,      | 36            | 36            | 38                  | 10               | 79             | 78                 | 77              | 81             |
|               | 517           | 518           | 484                 | 476              | 416            | 411                | 415             | 401            |

1788, June 11.—The Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church set apart this day as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, that the members of the State Convention may be inspired with wisdom from on High, and that their decisions may perpetuate our civil and religious privileges.

1788, July 8.—Last Friday the Anniversary of our National Independence was celebrated in the following manner at Jamaica: The ringing of bells and thirteen discharges of musketry announced the auspicious day. An elegant dinner

was provided, at which a very respectable number of gentlemen (mostly Federalists) were present. The general satisfaction felt, was too conspicuous in the countenances and conduct of each person present, to pass unnoticed. The utmost friendship and harmony subsisted. After dinner, Francis Lewis, Jr., in the chair, the following toasts, accompanied with thirteen volleys of small arms, were given. The toasts were drank with additional relish, on the news of the all-important and happy event of the accession of ten States to the new Federal Government:

1. The Congress of the United States.
2. Washington.
3. The memory of Montgomery and those Heroes who fell in defence of American liberty.
4. His most Christian Majesty and our Allies.
5. May agriculture, commerce and manufactures, flourish in the United States.
6. The members of the late general Convention.
7. The ten adopting States of the new Constitution.
8. Our fellow-citizens of the Cincinnati, may their virtues in private life be conspicuous as their valor in the field.
9. May wisdom and magnanimity pervade the councils of the United States.
10. May our new Government ensure peace and tranquility at home, credit and respectability abroad.
11. May the spirit of industry and economy be diffused in the United States.
12. May the citizens of America consider themselves as a band of brothers and ever nourish Federal sentiments.
13. The Day.—*N. Y. Daily Advertiser*.

1788, Aug. 13.—On the 8th inst. the adoption of the new Constitution was celebrated at Flushing, by persons collected from different parts of the county. At day-break a salute was fired from the park of artillery, in front of a beautiful and splendid colonnade erected on the Green, in the centre of the town, which consisted of a variety of pillars covered with sprigs of fir and yew trees, arched between and ingeniously ornamented on the top with borders of the same, supporting standards of the different states who have adopted the new Constitution. At the east end was a canopy of white linen, the curtains of which were festooned with blue ribbons and exhibited this inscription: "*Federal Constitution, Sept., 1787.*" Under the canopy was the President's chair on an elevated platform, and covered with a rich carpet, the whole forming an elegant and pleasant appearance. At three o'clock the discharge of guns announced that dinner was served under the colonnade. The president, Col. Wm. S. Smith, was conducted to the chair, and the gentlemen set down with that hilarity usual on such an occasion. After dinner the following toasts were drank, with discharges of eleven guns to each from the Park:

1. The United States and Union in their Councils.
2. The illustrious Washington.
3. Our Allies and all friendly Powers.
4. May the citizens of America have spirit to defend what the wisdom of her councils have framed.
5. The Eleven States who adopted the New Constitution.
6. The memory of those American Heroes who fell in the late glorious struggle for their liberties.
7. May our interests as a nation be supported by honesty and industry.
8. May the liberty of the Press be preserved and its licentiousness punished.
9. May the industrious farmer reap the fruit of his labor.
10. The Cincinnati.
11. The American Fair.

An oration was then delivered by Mr. John Mulligan, a student of Columbia College. This unexpected exhibition to the auditory, the graceful manner and interesting subject, excited the admiration of the hearers and commanded loud plaudits to the youthful orator.

The conviviality was heightened by the arrival, from New York, of gentlemen who participated at the entertainment and landed with a discharge of artillery which was answered by the Park.—*N. Y. Daily Adv.*

1788, Aug. 29.—Isaac Underhill, Miller at Flushing, bought some wheat from a ship in New York, in 1780 or 81, and had not the fly in his next crop.—*N. Y. Packet*,

1788.—Before September 3d, James Cornwell fell in a creek in South Hempstead and was drowned.

1788.—Before September 3d, Mary, a negro child, the property of Charles and Catharine Johnson, Newtown, died of wounds it had received in the head. An indictment being preferred against Johnson by the Attorney-General, the Grand Jury return on it ignoramus, and Johnson was discharged.

1788, Sept. 10.—Taken up, a negro man, James, who says he belongs to Rev. John Bowden, Jamaica, Long Island, aged about twenty, and had on a round wool hat. The owner will prove property and pay charges to David Cook, near Wall Kill, Ulster County; otherwise, in sixty days he will be sold according to law.

1788, Nov. 1.—Michael, a negro man slave of John Allen, Flushing, died by chance-medley and misadventure from a correction he appeared to have from some person unknown.

[Allen had lost money and severely flogged the negro, but could not extort a confession.]—*Ed.*

1788, Nov. 10.—John Greene, for stealing a horse of Silas Pearsall, is sentenced to receive thirty-nine lashes on his naked back this afternoon,

and thirty-nine more to-morrow morning; and then depart the county.—*Court Minutes.*

Till the close of the Revolution all voting in Queens County was done with an *audible voice*. The first law passed by our Legislature in relation to elections introduced the practice of voting by secret ballot for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor only; the old practice of voting *viva voce* for Senators and Assemblymen was continued till 1787. All County elections were held at one place, Jamaica, till 1799, when the practice of voting in the separate townships of the county was adopted. The polls were kept open several days.—*Ed.*

1789, Jan. 24.—Jacob Marvin, and one hundred and nine other inhabitants pray the Legislature that North and South Hempstead may be re-united. William Thorne and one hundred and eleven others, Hendrick Onderdonk and ninety-seven others, and Richard Valentine and sixty-six others, all inhabitants of North Hempstead, petition against a re-union, and pray to remain separate.

1789.—Wednesday, January 28th, is to be observed as a day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, by all the Dutch and Presbyterian churches in New York and New Jersey, that God would put a stop to the progress of the destroying insect, which is cutting off the fruits of the earth in the Middle States, for the establishment of wise efficient, united and permanent civil Government, &c.

1789, Feb. 9.—R. G. Livingston, New York, offers for sale a farm of sixty-two acres at Little Plains, on the right hand of the road to Hempstead, now occupied by Joseph Seely. It is in good repair and suitable for a merchant or tavern-keeper.

1789, Feb. 18.—For sale, the farm of Israel Hallet, deceased, Newtown Landing, containing fifty or sixty acres, suitable for marketing, a country seat or merchant. There is a wharf eight rods from the house where several small vessels may lay alongside, or a ferry to New York may be kept. Any quantity of turf may be cut from it, almost equal to coal for burning.

1789, Feb. 9.—Joseph Robinson was Chairman of a meeting, at Jamaica, of electors from North Hempstead, Jamaica, Flushing and Newtown, who nominated Robert Yates for Governor—present, Drs. Ledyard and Minema, Robert Furman, James Depeyster, F. Lewis, Jr., Dr. Wm. Lawton, Andrew Onderdonk and J. M. Smith.

1789, March 3.—Abraham and Daniel Lent offer for sale the farm of Jacobus Lent, deceased, Newtown, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres, on the Bowery Bay, where shell and scale fish may be caught a small distance from the door. Fifty or sixty barrels of cider may be made yearly, and forty or fifty loads of salt hay may be cut. In the rear is a turf meadow, which will afford fuel and manure for several generations to come.

1789, March 21.—For sale, the pleasant and

valuable farm of Lambert Moore, three miles east of Flushing, on the road to Hempstead Plains, consisting of two hundred acres, on which are a house, barn, two barracks, crib, court-yard and garden in neat pale fence, an orchard and other improvements. It is well watered and within a few rods of a grist-mill. Apply to John Moore, on the premises.

1789, May 4.—William Warnce and John Van Nostrand's stage is in complete repair and runs daily (Sundays excepted) from Jamaica to Brooklyn, leaving at half-past six and returning from Mr. Allen's, Brooklyn ferry, at half-past four. Fare, 2s. 6d., and 3d. for each letter forwarded by the stage.

1789, May 11.—At the April term of the Supreme Court, New York, several persons were tried for the forgery of an obligation appearing to bear date December, 1779, with warrant of attorney to confess judgment for the payment of £1,000 with interest. Abraham Morehouse, for felony in knowingly uttering and publishing said forged obligation, Israel Youngs\* and Samuel Waters for wilfully acting and assisting in publishing the same, severally received sentence of death.

1789, May 26.—Canvass of votes in Queens County for four Members of Assembly:

|                     |   |   |     |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|
| Samuel Clowes,      | - | - | 426 |
| Stephen Carman,     | - | - | 309 |
| Samuel Jones,†      | - | - | 365 |
| Whitehead Cornwell, | - | - | 373 |
| Richard Thorne,     | - | - | 268 |
| John Schenck,       | - | - | 217 |
| Benjamin Coe,       | - | - | 226 |
| Prior Townsend,     | - | - | 170 |
| Lewis Cornwall,     | - | - | 114 |

1789, May 28.—Vote of Queens County for Governor:‡

|                  | Geo. Clinton. | Robt. Yates. |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Oysterbay,       | 80            | 11           |
| South Hempstead, | 181           | 8            |
| Jamaica,         | 37            | 33           |
| North Hempstead, | 56            | 36           |
| Newtown,         | 101           | 5            |
| Flushing,        | 27            | 31           |
|                  | 482           | 124          |

\* June 6th, Youngs was respited by the Governor. After his conviction, one of his creditors petitioned the Legislature for the sum of £120 that had been taken from Youngs in 1776, when he was arrested for counterfeiting the Continental currency.—*Ass. Jour.*, May 11, 1790.

† This able lawyer and useful legislator (being first anti-federal and then federal) was accused of tripping in politics. Judge Spencer once asked him: "How is this, Mr. Jones, the majority in the Southern District frequently changes—at one time federal and then republican—but you always get your election?" "Why!" replied Jones, "to tell you the truth, when my troops won't follow me I follow them."—*Hammond's Hist. N. Y.*, 1:75.

‡ The entire vote of the State (which then contained only 20,000 electors) was for Clinton, 6,391; for Yates, 5,962, leaving Clinton a majority of 429. Although he was elected his friends on the several tickets were mostly defeated.

1789, May 28.—A fossil tooth found on Long Island and supposed so be one of the Manani, was presented to Peale's Museum by Dr. S. L. Mitchell.—*N. Y. Daily Adv.*

1789.—Last Saturday, the Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at Jamaica.

1789, Oct. 10.—Washington says, in his Diary: "I set off from New York, about nine o'clock, in my barge to visit Mr. Prince's fruit gardens and shrubberies, at Flushing. The Vice-President, Governor, Mr. Izard, Colonel Smith and Major Jackson, accompanied me. These gardens, except in the number of young fruit trees, did not answer my expectations. The shrubs were trifling and the flowers not numerous. The inhabitants of the place showed us what respect they could by making the best use of one cannon to salute."

1789.—On Friday, October 22d, the dwelling-house of Jeremiah Vanderbilt, Esq., Flushing, was entirely consumed by fire together with all his furniture, etc., and the records of the township, which were in his possession. It has been discovered that it was set on fire by a young negro wench who lived in the family; being suspected, she was taken before a magistrate for examination, when she confessed the nefarious act. She has since been committed to the jail of Queens County. She confessed that she had several accomplices; that the original design was to have poisoned and destroyed the family, but not being able to execute this diabolical scheme as soon as they wished, in the height of her impatience, she set fire to the house in the absence of her master, which together with the property therein contained, was entirely destroyed.—*Greenleaf's N. Y. Journal.*

[Nelly, a slave of Captain Daniel Brainer, was indicted, November 16th, 1789, and tried, September 8, 1790, and convicted of arson as principal, and Sarah, a slave of Mr. Vanderbilt, as accessory before the fact. They both plead guilty, and having nothing said why judgment of death should not pass on them, on motion of Aaron Burr, Attorney-General, they were sentenced, by Judge Robert Yates, to be hanged by the neck, October 14th, at some public place in the neighborhood of the Court House, till they be respectively dead. Sarah, on account of her youth was reprieved and sent away. Nelly had been hired to work in Mr. Vanderbilt's family, who were absent on a visit at the time of the fire. The prisoners were fifty weeks in jail].—*Ed.*

1789, Dec. 17.—Nathaniel Weeks, of Oysterbay, died by occasion of a fall from his horse between Huntington and Oysterbay.

1789.—Jamaica Races, October 29th. A purse of £20 will be run for round Beaver Pond; the best two in three two-mile heats. Entrance with William Warne, 20s. The next day, a genteel saddle, bridle and whip, for a race twice round the pond at a heat, carrying a catch.

1789, Nov. 19.—On Friday, good fresh beef sold at two and a half to three and a half pence per pound, and other articles in proportion.

1789.—The President ordered, Thursday, November 26th, to be observed throughout the United States as a day of Thanksgiving to God for his many singular mercies. The day was stormy and there was but a thin attendance in this city.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1789, Dec. 21.—One Timothy Jackson, or Saxton, on pretence of arresting Lawrence McDermot, of Livingston, for an alleged trespass on his father's lands, on Long Island, during the Revolutionary war, robbed him. For this offence he was tried and sentenced in Columbia County.—*Daily Adv.*

1790, Feb. 4.—Samuel Talman, Executor of William Talman, deceased, offers for sale his farm of three hundred acres, within half a mile of two grist-mills, and a mile of Little Neck Bay, from which may be had oysters, fish and clams. On it are a house, barn, chair-house, granary, crib, barrack, two wells and three orchards.

1790, March 4.—During the present winter several vessels have come from Ireland with emigrants. They say that one-third of the poorer sort would leave, were it not for their poverty.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1790, March 4.—Notwithstanding the apparent scarcity of corn and wheat, we are told, there are great quantities in every part of the country, which could not be brought to market on account of the bad traveling during the winter season, there having been no snow. The price will soon be reduced as the river is not obstructed by ice.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1790, May 21.—Vote of Long Island for a member of Congress:

|                   | Suffolk. | Queens. | Kings. |
|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| James Townsend,*  | 5        | 58½     | 6      |
| John Vanderbilt,  | —        | 64      | 209    |
| William Floyd,    | 166      | 47      | 83     |
| Thomas Tredwell,  | 232      | 45      | 7      |
| Ezra L'Hommedieu, | 7        | 139     | 1      |

1790, May 25.—Vote of Queens County for four Members of Assembly:

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Samuel Clowes,      | 485 |
| John Schenck,       | 397 |
| Samuel L. Mitchell, | 386 |
| Nathaniel Lawrence, | 383 |
| Whitehead Cornell,  | 353 |
| Timothy Cornell,    | 324 |
| Stephen Carman,     | 322 |
| Lewis Cornwall,     | 313 |
| William Cook,       | 213 |
| John Hewlett,       | 125 |

\*1790, May 28.—Died, Tuesday last, after a long illness, at Jericho, James Townsend, Esq., returned by the canvassers as elected to Congress from Long Island.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1790.—Washington, in his diary, says: Tuesday, April 20th, about eight o'clock, having previously sent over my servants, horses and carriage, I crossed [from New York] to Brooklyn and proceeded to Flatbush; thence to New Utrecht, where we dined at the house of Mr. Barre, the man obliging, but little else to recommend it; thence to Gravesend, thence to Jamaica, where we lodged at a tavern kept by one Warne, a pretty good and decent house. Left Jamaica at eight o'clock for Hempstead, where we baited at the house of one Simonson, formerly a tavern, now of private entertainment for money. Following the south road we dined at Ketcham's, which had also been a public house but now a private one—received pay for what it furnished, very neat and decent. After dinner we proceeded to a Squire Thompson's such a house as the last. About eight o'clock, Thursday, we left Mr. Thompson's and halted awhile at one Green's, distant eleven miles, and dined at Hart's tavern, in Brookhaven, five miles further. From Hart's we struck across the Island, passing the east end of the Brushy Plains and Corum, thence to Setauket to the house of Captain Roe, which is tolerably decent with obliging people in it. At eight o'clock, Friday, we left Roe's and baited the horses at a widow Blydenburgh's, Smithtown, a decent house. Thence to Huntington, where we dined at the house of a widow Platt, which was tolerably good. Afterwards proceeded to Oysterbay, to the house of a Mr. Youngs, private and very neat and decent, where we lodged. Left Mr. Youngs' before six o'clock on Saturday, and passing Musquito Cove breakfasted at a Mr. Onderdonk's, at the head of a little bay, [Hempstead Harbor] where we were kindly received and well entertained. This gentleman works a grist and two paper-mills, the last of which he seems to carry on with spirit and to profit. Hence to Flushing where we dined; thence through Newtown to Brooklyn, the road very fine and the country in a high state of cultivation. Before sundown we had crossed the ferry and were at home.\*

1790.—Died, Wednesday, June 23d, universally regretted, the Rev. Mr. Bloomer,† Rector of the Episcopal Church, Jamaica, aged fifty-five years.

1790, June 1.—Vegetation was never in a more flourishing state. There is a prospect of exuberant harvests of fruit and wheat. Industry and

\*For a more full account, and the observations of Washington on the agriculture of Long Island, see his diary, edited by B. J. Lossing, New York, 1861.

†Mr. Bloomer was a most excellent man. He had once failed in business in New York, and when, in after years, he received some money he devoted it to the payment of his debts. Having once married a couple where a large fee might have been expected, he was asked, next day, the amount of it. "Oh, I had forgotten all about it," he replied. "It must be in my other pocket." On searching for it, two or three guineas were found wrapped in a paper. He was buried in the chancel of the church.—*Ed.*

agricultural skill continue characteristic of our yeomanry; and Heaven smiles on their labors. Americans will annually deposit abundant stores of the staples of life for the supply of distant climes, advancing with strides imperceptible, the riches of this rising Empire.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1790, Sept. 3.—The dysentery is very prevalent in several parts of Long Island, and particularly at and near Jamaica, where it has proved fatal in many instances, several families having been deprived of their beloved offspring in a few days. A number of adults have also died with it. It seems to be epidemical. September 17th. It has subsided entirely.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1790, Sept. 28.—Died, at Jamaica, in the prime of life, to the inexpressible grief of an affectionate husband and relatives, and of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, Mrs. Mary, the amiable consort of Dr. Jacob Ogden and daughter of James Depeyster, Esq., of that place.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1790, Oct. 29.—Died, on Tuesday, aged eighty-seven, William Hawkshurst, merchant of New York. He was interred in the family burying-ground, Oysterbay.

1790, Nov. 8.—David Devore, for stealing a horse of Stephen Robbins, worth £5, is sentenced to receive, immediately, thirty-nine lashes on his bare back, and the like every forty-eight hours until he shall have received one hundred and fifty-six lashes, and then to depart Queens County.—*Court Records.*

1790, Nov. 24.—Died, at Oysterbay, at an advanced age, after a long and painful illness, Samuel Townsend, Senator of this State.

1790, Dec. 9.—Winter has set in with great severity. The North River is fast bound with ice to the city of Hudson. Repine not at the early frost, we have had a fruitful season. December 13. We have had rain, and since Friday it is as mild as May.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1790, Dec. 11.—Mr. Gilbert Seaman, of Flushing, fell overboard of Captain Thomas H. Smith's passage boat a little above Hellgate, and was drowned.

1790—\$50 Reward for thief and money. Stolen from David Lamberson, Jamaica, on the night of December 17th, a silver watch, £70 in crowns, dollars and small silver and as much more in bank-notes and York paper. Also, a number of notes and bonds, a worsted pocket-book, a red morocco pocket-book with an almanac bound in it and a parchment pocket-book, dated 1776, and marked, "D. L."\*

1791, Jan. 3.—The old year has gone out like a

\*The robber was William Talman, of New Jersey. He was for a time in Queens County jail; but was executed at Woodbridge, July 23d, 1791, for burglary and horse stealing.—*Daily Advertiser.*

roaring lion and the new one is ushered in by fierce north winds. The cold has been extreme for some days past, with some snow and floating ice. January 6th, there is a prospect of a January thaw that will doubtless open the wood sluices, and render it tolerably cheap in a few days. Hickory is £4 per cord; other wood, £3. January 10th. Since our last the weather is propitious and wood has fallen 20s. and 24s. in the cord—*N. Y. Journal*.

1791, Jan. 24.—For sale, the pleasantly situated farm of near 300 acres, on the country road from Brooklyn to Jamaica, now occupied by Richard and Samuel Betts, eleven miles from New York. There are thirty acres of meadow which constitutes an inexhaustible source of manure for the upland; also, a large commodious house, spacious Dutch barn and other out-buildings, an orchard of the finest fruit, and sufficient woodland. Apply to Nicholas Fish, who will give title.

1791, Feb. 19.—Silas Hicks, Rockaway, petitions the Legislature for a re-imbursement of £60 paid by him, in 1782, to Frederick Philips for a negro man slave.

*For the New York Journal.*

Mr. GREENLEAF: By inserting the enclosed in the next *Journal*, you will much oblige

A CONSTANT READER.

*Poetical Epistle to the Electors of Representative.*

CIRCULAR.

Throughout the land, Dear Sir, 'tis said,  
That Jemmy Townsend's surely dead;  
A man whom much, the people loved  
Is from this wicked world removed:  
Has landed on that unknown shore  
Whence mortals can return no more;  
And changed his seat in Congress here  
For one among the Spirits there.  
But though a loss the public shared  
I hope this loss can be repaired,  
Since men as good as he are found  
In various parts the country round:  
Therefore we ought no more to mourn  
The dead; but to the living turn,  
And seek a man of talents meet  
To fill th' aforesaid vacant seat.

My friends who search with keenest view  
The Southern District, through and through,  
Declare upon their word, they spy  
No person half so fit as I.  
How true they speak! I well revolved  
The whole affair, and then resolved,  
With view to benefit the State,  
To be an open Candidate;  
And to the world in firmest tone,  
To make my grand intentions known.

Now, Sir, for fear that I should miss it,  
These modest lines are to solicit  
Your vote, your interest, and your friends,  
To aid my patriotic ends,  
And place me safe, where sense like mine,  
May in the Federal councils shine;  
That so South Hempstead, charming town,  
Possessed of wonderful renown,  
In sly election's cunning ways,  
Since Jones' and Cornwell's glorious days,  
May still keep up her ancient name,  
And fix, beyond dispute, her claim  
To *Rule the District* by the means  
So long employed to manage *Queens*.

I fear the votes dispersed will be;  
But lest too few should fall to me  
I further hope and wish you'd strive  
To keep election-zeal alive;  
And make them every mother's son  
Or vote for me, or vote for none.

Some folks, I'm told, are warm to espouse  
The cause of grave old *Daddy Clowes*,  
Who, when he moves within the sphere  
Of Justice, or of Scrivener,  
Does pretty well; but when the creature  
Affects a seat in Legislature,  
He brings to mind, as Esop jokes,  
The frog who swelled to be an ox.

There's Ledyard too, whose high pretence  
To be a man of wondrous sense,  
Betrays at first unwary hearts.  
To think he's got uncommon parts;  
But soon, I know, the curious eye  
Can deep deception there descry,  
Which lurks beneath the film of lawn  
That's o'er his shallow senses drawn;  
Like Moloch, reck he not a curse,  
Of God, or Hell, or what not worse.

They say that whiffling Carman too  
Displays himself to public view  
And vainly hopes his courteous mien  
Will coax the folks to put him in:  
—Ah, Stephen! Stephen! lower thy pride,  
And cast thy politics aside;  
For since thy influence is grown  
So small beyond thy native town,  
'T will be impossible to get  
Among Representatives a seat,  
Until the clams, and horsefeet, each  
Inhabiting the bays and beach  
Shall gain a vote; and to content them  
Thyself be sent to represent them.

Much interest, no doubt, 's employed,  
For Tredwell, Vanderbilt and Floyd,  
Whose names each warm elector rings  
Through Richmond, Suffolk and in Kings;  
But here, sir, note the regular plan;  
Since Suffolk first supplied the man,  
'Tis now the time for *Queens* to choose,  
Or else, by George, her choice she'll lose,  
'Tis, therefore, wise that all agree  
On some one man, and I be he.

Last night I dreamed, (and dreams you know,  
Do sometimes mighty matters show.)  
That when the canvassing was o'er,  
"Young Mitchell beat me, ten to four."  
I started, waked and told my spouse  
'Twas time I instantly should rouse,  
Drive on to York with swiftest pace,  
To *Mother Shoulders* state my case,  
And hear 'till I no more could doubt it,  
The Beldame tell me all about it.  
My mind was in a woful qualm;  
The groping witch explored my palm;  
Then viewed my cards; and with a look  
That chilled my soul, this riddle spoke;  
"A chosen youth, whose virtues sleep  
Like *David's*, when he kept the sheep,  
Shall guard with care each peaceful town  
And knock the huge Goliath down."

Although this prophecy is bad,  
And makes me feel severely sad,  
Yet still I'll persevere to court  
The people all to grant support;  
If, Sir, you can afford me your's,  
I'll love you while my life endures,  
And be the gratefullest of creatures,  
Your Friend and Servant, HARRY PETERS.\*

\*This poetical effusion though purporting to be written by Harry Peters, candidate for Congress was probably the sportive effusion of Dr. S. L. Mitchell, who was himself a candidate for the Assembly.—*Ed.*

1791, Feb. 25.—For sale, a farm of eighty acres, in good fence, with fresh and salt meadow, at Far Rockaway, pleasantly situated, one mile from the Beach. On it are a house and barn, with a well at the door. Apply to John Rothing, near the premises, who will give the title.

1791.—At a meeting of a number of the inhabitants of Jamaica and Flushing, March 1st, at the house of Mrs. Joanna Hinchman, in Jamaica, for the purpose of carrying into effect the building of an Academy in Jamaica, the Rev. Rynier Van Nest in the chair, and Eliphalet Wickes, clerk, it was resolved that twelve persons be appointed for the purpose of getting subscriptions, viz.: Nathan Woodhull, William Hammel, Francis Lewis, John Hicks, Abraham Ditmars, Daniel Minema, George Faintoute, James Foster, Samuel Brownjohn, John Smith, Daniel Kissam and Charles Roach.\*

1791, March 7.—Lawrence Roe offers for sale, his farm of two hundred and forty acres, at Whitestone, on the banks of the East River, fifteen miles from New York, by water, and twenty by land. The situation is charming, the soil excellent and the buildings in perfect repair.

QUEENS COUNTY, April 4th, 1791.

MR. GREENLEAF: The spirit of electioneering increases rapidly in many parts of this county, as the following curious notification (which was taken verbatim from an advertisement posted in several parts of South Hempstead) will evince.

#### A CUSTOMER.

1. I beg leaf to return my sensear thanks to the Public ingeneral for their time past favors, that I have Rec'd from time to time.

2. I am sorry and a shamed that any man should offer to come into our neighborhood to by our freedom for a drink of grog.

3. As for my part I declair I am not intrusted in the matter. I do not want Post nor Profit theiry.

4. I think it the duty of every Good man to keep up the Credit of his Country, or the place wair be lives.

5. I do think it our duty to resent every evil that should be offered in our neighborhood that should Engor the Credit of our place.

6. I have provided one barrel of Rum; and two, if wanted. All those that will favor me with their Compeney on Saturday afternoon, the 2-day of April, I shall esteem their compeney as a favor.

7. This Rum is given Grattis, no favor is Re Quired. Pray dont fail. From your friend Living in south hempstead. I—C D—N.

March 26, 1791.

A true copy verbatim.

N. B. The candidate for whose interest this treat is intended, is supposed to be S—n C—n.

1791, April 14.—\$5 Reward and charges. Ran away from William Leverich, Newtown, a negro boy, Mingo, aged fifteen, pitted with the small-pox.

For the Daily Advertiser.

JAMAICA, April 19, 1791.

MESS. PRINTERS: As the county of Queens

\*Subscription lists were circulated in Jamaica, Flushing, Newtown and New York; and when £800, the sum intended to be subscribed, was made up, James Mackerel was requested to report a plan of the Academy, which he did, and was thereupon appointed master builder.—Ed.

has for some time past been destitute of a Senator, and as this part of the county has never aspired to the honor of nominating one, they flatter themselves (on the principle of rotation) that their claim is well founded, and the person chosen will merit the suffrages of his fellow citizens.

At a meeting of the freeholders and electors of Newtown, Flushing and Jamaica, held at Jamaica, Benjamin Coe in the chair; it was resolved that Dr. Isaac Ledyard be held up as a Representative in Congress, and that Francis Lewis, Jr., Esq., be held up as a State Senator and that the clerk transmit copies of these resolutions to the sheriff of the different counties of the District with a request that he communicate the same to the several townships.

1791.—Vote for member of Congress (in place of Dr. James Townsend, deceased,) on the last Tuesday in April.

|                 | Thomas<br>Treadwell.* | John<br>Vanderbilt. | Harry<br>Peters. | E.<br>L'Honniedou. | Stephen<br>Carmen. | Isaac<br>Ledyard. |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Richmond, . . . | —                     | 166                 | 77               | 9                  | —                  | —                 |
| Kings, . . .    | 26                    | 255                 | 21               | 33                 | 21                 | 29                |
| Queens, . . .   | 206                   | 60                  | 268              | 30                 | 333                | 272               |
| Suffolk, . . .  | 434                   | —                   | 3                | 289                | 1                  | —                 |
| Total, . . .    | 666                   | 481                 | 369              | 361                | 360                | 301               |

Vote (in part) for two Senators of the Southern District:

|                 | Samuel<br>Jones.* | Joshua<br>Sands.* | John<br>Shenck. | Richard<br>Morris. | Francis<br>Lewis. |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Richmond, . . . | 129               | 153               | 2               | 46                 | 1                 |
| Kings, . . .    | 77                | 300               | 65              | 45                 | 68                |
| Queens, . . .   | 353               | 282               | 403             | 7                  | 234               |
| Suffolk, . . .  | 404               | 51                | 279             | 53                 | —                 |
| Total, . . .    | 963               | 786               | 749             | 151                | 303               |

Vote of Queens County for three members of Assembly:

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Whitehead Cornell,*   | 721 |
| Samuel Clowes,*       | 715 |
| Nathaniel Lawrence,*  | 451 |
| Richard Thorne,       | 384 |
| Isaac Lefferts,       | 345 |
| S. L. Mitchell, . . . | 254 |

1791, April 30.—Died, Thursday night, at his seat near Flushing, Robert Crommelin, aged seventy-five, a much respected inhabitant of that place.—Daily Advertiser.

1791, May 10.—\$20 Reward.—Ran away from Flushing, two negro men, one Aaron, the property of Jeremiah Vanderbilt, who had on a fustian trowsers and wool hat, and is a good boatman; the other, Polydore, the property of Francis Lewis, who wore a blue cloth jacket and breeches, woolen stockings and wool hat. They stole a moses-built

\*Elected.

boat and went up the Sound, as is supposed.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1791, June 2.—£5. *Reward*.—Ran away from Obadiah Valentine, Oysterbay, a remarkably black negro man, Bob, aged twenty-two. He had on a brown coat with green lining, yellow vest and old boots. He has grey hair on his neck.

1791, June 7.—John Van Nostrand respectfully informs the public that the Jamaica Stage will run Monday, Thursday and Saturday, starting from Mrs. Hinchman's at 7 o'clock in the morning, and from Mr. Allen's, Brooklyn Ferry, at half-past four in the afternoon. Fare, 2s. 6d. Letters and baggage carefully attended to.

N. B. He has a new and easy carriage, and for the convenience of those who wish to go further, he has one at Jamaica. 3d. for each letter, and none forwarded unless the money be left with it.

1791, June 15.—*To the public*.—*Easy conveyance*.—Jacob and Stephen Hicks have, for the convenience of parties of pleasure, provided a light stage-wagon to run with two good genteel horses with a careful driver, from John Hicks', Brooklyn Ferry stairs, to Far Rockaway, every Tuesday, at eight o'clock, and every Saturday, at one o'clock; stop at Jamaica for refreshment and go through the same day; and return Monday and Friday afternoons. Seats, 2s. 6d. to Jamaica, and 5s. to Far Rockaway. 14 lbs. baggage gratis; 150 lbs. the same as a passenger.

1791.—At day-break, on the 4th of July, the bells of the churches in Jamaica, and thirteen platoons from an active and well disciplined company of Light Infantry, announced the joyous day. At twelve o'clock the company assembled at Mrs. Hinchman's long room, (which was decorated in a style emblematical of the union of these States, with branches of the pine tree, and a pleasing distribution of the flowers of the season) proceeded to the Presbyterian church, where an eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Faitoute. After which the company returned to an elegant dinner, where the utmost conviviality and good humor pervaded every breast, and where, amidst the heart enlivening song and warlike sound of musketry, the following toasts were drank. The company broke up in good season and in the greatest hilarity and good humor:

1. The United States of America—may their virtues and wisdom be conspicuous among the nations of the earth.
2. The President.
3. The Congress of the United States.
4. The Government of the State of New York.
5. The late American Army, and memory of those Heroes who gallantly fell, contending for the independence of our country.
6. The King of the Frenchmen and the National Assembly of France.
7. Arts, Science and Manufactories—may they become the never-failing source of wealth and honor to our country.

8. The promoters of Commerce—may it flourish throughout the United States.

9. The Cincinnati.

10. The Tammany Society or Columbian Order.

11. The Military of America—may their merit always find its true reward.

12. The industrious husbandmen—may their honest labors be crowned with plenty and success.

13. The American flag—may it be the emblematic banner of liberty in every quarter of the globe.

14. The author of the "Rights of Man," and the Patriotic Societies in Great Britain.

15. The glorious 4th of July, 1776.\*

1791, July 12.—For sale, the country retreat of Robert Crommelin, Esq., deceased, containing fifty acres, lying contiguous to Flushing Landing.

1791, July 23.—Jacob Cheeseman, of North Hempstead, being on the Marsh, in South Hempstead, and undertaking to swim across a certain creek was drowned.

1791, Aug. 7.—Henry Ludlam, returning from Oysterbay to his boat, along Mill-neck shore, stumbled in getting his boat and unfortunately fell and was drowned.

1791, Sept. 7.—\$10. *Reward* and charges. Ran away from John Luyster, Cedar Swamp, a negro fellow, Zeb, aged twenty, stout, large-boned and middling black.

1791, Oct. 13.—Beaver Pond Races. First day, a purse of £20; second day, a genteel saddle, bridle and whip to be run for.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1791, Oct. 17.—Died, at North Hempstead, Timothy Smith, at an advanced age; for many years first Judge of Queens County. In him the public have lost a valuable citizen, the widow an affectionate and loving husband, and the children a tender and kind father.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1791, Dec. 21.—The season is mild; nut-wood sells from 10s. 6d. to 11s., and oak, 7s. 6d. to 8s. per load.

1792, Jan. 25.—Harry Peters offers for sale his highly manured farm, of one hundred and fifty acres, which cuts fifty loads of hay annually, situated in South Hempstead, within forty rods of two churches. On it are a large house, barn and other necessary out-houses, and an orchard. Its pleasant, salubrious and public situation, with the great privilege of commonage in the plains and marshes, (enabling the proprietor to keep what stock he pleases) make it an object worth the attention of the farmer, trader or private gentleman.

\*The Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at Jamaica, in 1789, by the ringing of bells, the display of the United States flag and repeated discharges from a piece of artillery. An oration was delivered by Isaac Ledyard, who presided at the festival, where the usual toasts were drank. Joseph Robinson, Abraham Ditmars and William Lawrence, Esq., requested a copy of the oration, which was printed in the New York *Weekly Museum*, No. 61—Ed.

1792, Jan.—Gabriel William and Cary Ludlow offer for sale the farm, now in occupation of Oliver Templeton,\* consisting of two hundred and eighty acres, forty of which is wood-land and thirty salt-meadow. One hundred loads of salt hay and thirty of timothy and clover may be cut in common seasons. It is in a pleasant part of the country, three miles from Jamaica, four from Newtown, six from Flatbush and nine from Brooklyn ferry, and in the neighborhood of the best fishing and fowling, where great supplies may be procured with little trouble.

1792, Feb. 6.—Joseph Pearsall offers for sale his highly manured plantation of one hundred acres, twenty of which is woodland, pleasantly situated on the east side of Cow Bay. It has a variety of excellent fruit. The house is commodious, and has seven rooms on a floor, and an even kitchen with a pump of good water in it, and milk-room adjoining. There are from two thousand five hundred to three thousand locust trees of from twelve to eighteen years growth, which, in a few years, will be profitable for ship building.

1792, Feb. 6.—Albert Hoogland, Flushing, offers for sale cheap, for no fault but only for want of employ, a negro wench, aged thirty, who understands all kinds of country house-work, with her two children, a girl aged eighteen, and boy aged six.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1792, Feb. 15.—John Dudley,† during the Revolutionary war, bought, for £1,200, the house of George Folliot, Jamaica, which had been confiscated to the State. He is now old and lame, and as he can get nothing from Folliot, he petitions the Senate of New York for relief.—*Col. Mss.*, 102.

1792, Feb. 16.—For sale, the farm of Jonathan Wright, deceased, Flushing, one mile from the town-landing, containing one hundred and sixty acres, with an orchard of apples and pippins, young growing woodland, and fresh and salt meadow.

1792.—To be sold, at private sale, on or before February, 22d, a LARGE OX, between six and seven feet high, and better than eight feet six inches in circumference, and is now fat and fit for butchering. Any person who would wish to purchase may enquire at Hinchman's tavern, or to Daniel Ludlam, the owner, one and a half miles east of Jamaica.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1792, Feb. 22.—Siah, a negro, and Anthony, a slave of Lawrence Hewlett, were frozen in South Hempstead by the inclement weather.

1792, Feb. 29.—For sale, the farm of Jacob Moore, Newtown, on the road to Jamaica, within half a mile of David Titus' mill on the creek leading to Flushing Bay, containing forty-five acres. Sedge drifts on it.

\*He was an auctioneer and stock broker in New York.—*Ed.*

†Dudley kept a bakery where Remsen's hotel now is.—*Ed.*

1792.—John and Peter Hendrickson, Foster's Meadow, offer for sale, at vendue, May 1st, the valuable farm of Isaac Hendrickson, lately deceased, containing one hundred and fifty acres, a good house, barn, and bearing orchard.

MR. GREENLEAF: On Tuesday, May 1st, 1792, the Academy, in Jamaica, called Union Hall, pursuant to an advertisement in your paper, was opened for the reception of students. I was present and participated in all that satisfaction which generally arises from the establishment of such institutions, and was highly pleased with the ceremony observed on the occasion, by the trustees of the seminary. By inserting the following you will oblige a CUSTOMER.

About twelve o'clock the Trustees moved in procession from Hinchman's Inn, Jamaica, to the Hall, the Secretary being in front and bearing the charter granted by the Regents. On arriving at the Academy, they were conducted by the master builder to the Hall. The company then being seated, a Psalm was sung by a number of young ladies and gentlemen, selected for the purpose. An oration was delivered by Abraham Skinner, Esq., to a very numerous and respectable audience, and an ode (composed by the Rev. George Faitoute, suited to the occasion) being chanted, concluded the business.

The Trustees then returned to the inn, and being honored with the company of several strange gentlemen, as well as others of the village, dined together. After dinner a number of well adapted toasts and sentiments were drank; the whole was conducted with the greatest harmony and good humor.

N. B. Attendance will be given at Union Hall, on Monday morning the 21st of May, by Mr. Maltby Gelston, a gentleman of approved character and abilities. The prices for which tuition may be had are: for the Latin and Greek languages, mathematics, &c., £6 per annum; writing, arithmetic and English grammar, £4; reading, writing and arithmetic, £3.4; reading and writing, £2.8; reading only £2. Board may be had on very reasonable terms.

Subscribers for building an Academy at Jamaica:

|                      |                          |      |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------|
| John Allen,          | £3 Benjamin Carpenter,   | £3.4 |
| John Amberman,       | 2 William Carpenter,     | 1    |
| William Ballard,     | 3 Whitehead Cornell,     | 3    |
| Robert Benson,       | 2 Lewis Cornwall,        | 3    |
| Richard Betts,       | 1 Thomas Cornwell,       | 1    |
| Barnet Bennet,       | 4 Cornelius Creed,       | 2    |
| Ephraim Bayles,      | 2 William Creed, 3d,     | 2    |
| Daniel Bayles,       | 3 Benjamin Coe,          | 2    |
| Leonard Bleeker,     | 5 William Creed, Jr.,    | 5    |
| Edward Bardin,       | 10 Charles Crommelin,    | 5    |
| Joseph Beesley,      | 1 Sylvester Cornell,     | 1    |
| Cornelius I. Bogert, | 2 Matthew M. Clarkson,   | 10   |
| Aury Boerum,         | 1 Governor Clinton,      | 10   |
| William Buckle,      | 5 Robert Crommelin,      | 10   |
| James Burling,       | 3 James Cumming,         | 2    |
| Jacob Beadle,        | 1 James Depeyster,       | 30   |
| Samuel Brownjohn,    | 10 Abraham Ditmars, Jr., | 5    |

|                         |      |                       |      |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Samuel Denton,          | 3    | Alexander McComb,     | 5. 4 |
| James Denton,           | 8    | Patrick MacDavitt,    | 1    |
| John Dewint,            | 5    | John Murray,          | 2    |
| John Dixon,             | 1    | Dr. Jacob Ogden,      | 10   |
| Henry Dawson,           | 2    | Richard Platt,        | 10   |
| Abraham Ditmars,        | 5    | William Prince,       | 2    |
| Jarvis Dobbs,           | 3    | Joseph Robinson,      | 10   |
| Thomas Durie,           | 2    | James Renwick,        | 3    |
| John Durye,             | 2    | Michael Ritter, Jr.,  | 1    |
| Aaron Durye,            | 1    | Nathaniel Rhoades,    | 2    |
| John Dudley,            | 3    | Abiathar Rhoades,     | 15   |
| John Evers,             | 2    | James Smith,          | 5    |
| Samuel Eldert,          | 1    | Christopher Smith,    | 15   |
| Hendrick Eldert,        | 1    | Abraham Skinner,      | 10   |
| Nicholas Everitt,       | 10   | Melancton Smith,      | 5    |
| William Edgar,          | 20   | James Southard,       | 3    |
| Rev. George Faitoute,   | 10   | Mary Smith,           | 2    |
| Robert Furman,          | 5    | Rem Snedeker,         | 1    |
| Seth Fairchild,         | 3    | Femetic Suydam,       | 2    |
| William Forbes,         | 4    | John Smith, Sr.,      | 6    |
| Thomas Fairchild,       | 1    | Daniel Smith,         | 2    |
| James Foster,           | 25   | John Smith, Jr.,      | 3    |
| Samuel Forbes,          | 5    | Silvester Smith,      | 2    |
| Waters Forbes,          | 2    | John I. Skidmore,     | 2    |
| Luke Fleet,             | 10   | Joshua Sands,         | 5    |
| John Faulkner,          | 2    | Eliphalet Stratton,   | 5    |
| Matthew Farrington,     | 1. 4 | Thomas H. Smith,      | 1. 4 |
| James Herriman,         | 30   | Captain John Smith,   | 2    |
| Stephen Herriman,       | 25   | Nicholas Smith,       | 3    |
| Joanna Hinchman,        | 20   | Othniel Smith,        | 10   |
| Richard Holland,        | 2    | Abigail Skidmore,     | 1    |
| Jonah Hallet,           | 3    | David Sprong,         | 5    |
| John Hinchman,          | 4    | Jacob Smith,          | 10   |
| Bernardus Hendrickson,  | 5    | Platt Smith, Jr.,     | 10   |
| John B. Hicks,          | 4    | John Troup,           | 10   |
| Rev. William Hammell,   | 4. 5 | Robert Troup,         | 2    |
| Henry Higbie,           | 1    | Joseph Totten,        | 5    |
| Daniel Higbie,          | 2    | Richard Thorne,       | 1.12 |
| Hendrick Hendrickson,   | 5    | David Titus,          | 2    |
| William Hendrickson,    | 1    | Benjamin Thurston,    | 5    |
| Richard Harrison,       | 2    | John Thatford,        | 3    |
| Albert Hoogland,        | 2    | Daniel Tuthill,       | 5    |
| 3 loads timber.         |      | Abraham Tuthill,      | 4    |
| Jouathan Jones,         | 1    | James Van Lew,        | 10   |
| Martin Johnson,         | 5    | Richard Van Dam,      | 5    |
| John Jay,               | 5    | Rev. Rynier Van Nest, | 5    |
| Daniel Kissam,          | 5    | John Van Lew,         | 1    |
| Dr. William Lawton,     | 2    | Jost Van Brunt,       | 3    |
| Isaac Lefferts, Jr.,    | 5    | Abraham Van Arsdale,  | 2    |
| Dr. Isaac Ledyard,      | 2    | John Vanderbilt,      | 2    |
| David Lamberson,        | 30   | Samuel Vail,          | 5    |
| Waters Lamberson,       | 3    | John Van Lew,         | 5    |
| Nathaniel Lawrence,     | 5    | John Van Dyne,        | 10   |
| William Lewis,          | 1    | Eliphalet Wickes,     | 10   |
| Bernardus Lamberson,    | 10   | John Williamson,      | 10   |
| Hendrick Lott,          | 1    | Samuel Welling,       | 3    |
| Francis Lewis, Jr.,     | 4    | Thomas Willet,        | 2    |
| William Ludlum,         | 3    | James Willet,         | 2    |
| Nicholas Ludlum,        | 3    | Lawrence Willet,      | 2    |
| Dr. Daniel Minema,      | 10   | James Woodhull,       | 2    |
| James Morrell,          | 2    | James Waters,         | 20   |
| Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell, | 3    | William Warne,        | 5    |
| Uriah Mitchell,         | 2    | William Waters,       | 10   |
| Lambert Moore,          | 2    | Thomas Welling,       | 2    |
| James Mackrel,          | 40   | John Wykoff,          | 4    |
| Nathaniel Mills,        | 10   | William Wilkins,      | 1. 4 |
| Jacob Morton,           | 4    | Stephen Wright,       | 3    |

On the completion of the Academy a principal was sought for, and letters sent to the Rev. Cave Jones, Gershom Williams, William Green and Malthy Gelston. The last was appointed, receiving for his compensation the profits arising from the tuition of the scholars. The following text books were adopted by the Trustees:

*English*.—1. The Monitor—to be read daily as the last lesson.

2. Webster's Grammar—to be read, or repeated by memory.

3. The Testament or Bible—to be read by inferior scholars, and once a day by all.

*Latin*.—1. Ross', Ruddiman's, or John Holmes' Grammar.

2. Colloquia Corderii, Erasmus, Selectæ Veteris, Selectæ profanis, Nepos, Æsop's fables, Florus, Mair's Introduction, Cæsar, Virgil, Cicero's Orationes and De Oratore, Horace.

*Greek*.—Moore's Grammar, Testament, Lucian's Dialogues, the Cyropædia, Longinus, the Iliad.

*Rhetoric*.—Blair's Belles Lettres.

*Geography*.—Guthrie's or Salmon's grammar.

*Mathematics*.—Stone's Euclid, Martin's Trigonometry, or Warden's Mathematics.

Among the Rules were the following:

3d. Every scholar when the tutor, or any gentleman, comes in or goes out, shall rise up with a respectful bow.

7th. Every scholar shall be particularly careful to treat all men, and especially known superiors, with the greatest modesty and respect.

The motto of the seal was:

*Sigillum Aulæ Unitatis. Semper luceat scientiæ sol.* Within: *Hic lux et veritas.*

In English: The seal of Union Hall. May the sun of science always shine. Here be light and truth.]—*Ed.*

1792, May 18.—Uriah Pearsall begs leave to acquaint the public that he has erected a stage-wagon, calculated for the convenience of passengers from Rockaway and Brooklyn for the summer season. It will leave William Pearsall's tavern, Near Rockaway, Monday and Friday, at twelve o'clock, and return, Tuesday and Saturday, at eight precisely, at the moderate price of 5s. each passenger.—*Daily Adv.*

1792, June 2.—Died, at Jamaica, on Saturday last, sincerely regretted by all who knew him, Mr. Stephen Herriman. He was unfortunately thrown from a chair, on the 18th ult., and fractured his leg, of which he died.—*New York Weekly Museum.*

1792, June 6.—Vote of Queens County:

|                  | Governor.   |         | Senators.     |            |              |                |           |
|------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
|                  | G. Clinton, | J. Jay, | J. Hemmedieu, | S. Strong, | J. Schenck,* | F. Lewis, Jr., | F. Lewis, |
| Oysterbay,       | 85          | 58      | 16            | 23         | 107          | 6              | 17        |
| South Hempstead, | 155         | 84      | 10            | —          | 209          | 1              | 113       |
| North Hempstead, | 68          | 60      | 49            | 11         | 119          | 20             | 15        |
| Newtown,         | 112         | 39      | 1             | 8          | 88           | —              | 134       |
| Flushing,        | 52          | 23      | 1             | 9          | 44           | 48             | 16        |
| Jamaica,         | 60          | 24      | 38            | 20         | 53           | 17             | 21        |
| Total,           | 532         | 288     | 115           | 71         | 620          | 92             | 318       |

\*Elected.

1792, *July 5*.—Richard Betts, Newtown, while riding on the axle-tree of a bark-mill, where Peter Seaman was grinding bark with a horse, fell from it, and the wheel passed over and killed him.

1792, *Sept. 6*.—\$8 *Reward and charges*.—Ran away from Abraham Polhemus, Newtown, a mulatto fellow, Jack, aged sixteen, who had on a fustian coat rather small for him, and wears his hair tied.

1792.—Died, August 28th, at Wheatly, Jacob Titus, aged ninety. He lived to see the fifth generation of his descendants, and has left surviving children, grand-children and great grand-children, &c., upwards of 250.—*Daily Adv.*

1792.—The Beaver Pond Races begin October 18th, (if fair weather) at half-past one o'clock. A purse of £20—the best of three two-mile heats. Entrance with William Warne, 20s. The next day a saddle, bridle and whip to be run for (free for any horse that did not run the first day) the best of three one-mile heats. \$1,00 entrance.

P. S. Not less than three reputable horses to start.

1792, *Nov. 1*.—*Fox Hunting*.—The hunt will be on Long Island, Friday next. The dogs will be cast off at sun-rise that morning, in Mr. Dougherty's woods, south of Jamaica.

MARSH, *Huntsman*.

1792, *Dec. 11*.—Leonard Lawrence offers for sale his farm of two hundred and fifty acres, with twenty of salt-meadow, two and a half miles from Flushing Landing. It is well timbered with abundance of young locust and other trees. On it are a barn, two hovels, new granary, crib, and chair-house.

1792, *Dec. 15*.—Amos Mills offers for sale his farm of one hundred and forty acres, at the east end of Jamaica. It has a stone well, and cuts fifty loads of timothy and clover.

1793, *Jan. 5*.—*A Long Island hog equal to a Connecticut wonder*.—A FACT.—Mr. John Hutchings Smith, near Flushing, a few days ago killed a hog, of his own raising, which weighed, when dressed, six hundred and thirty-one pounds.

1793, *Jan. 9*.—David Underhill, Flushing, offers for sale his farm of one hundred acres, ten of salt meadow and ten of young timber, two and a half miles from the town. On it is a grist-mill with two run of stones, and plenty of water for a sloop to come along side for burthen.

1793, *Jan. 11*.—John Simonson, Westbury, offers for sale his farm of one hundred and ten acres, thirty of which is woodland, three-quarters of a mile from the Meeting-house, and twenty-two from Brooklyn ferry, on the main road to Huntington. On it are a crib, barn, smoke-house, chair-house, &c.

1793, *Jan. 11*.—James Burling, Flushing, offers

for sale his farm, of over one hundred acres, in excellent fence, one and a half miles from the landing. It has a large pond in the centre for cattle, a variety of fruits, such as apples, pears, plums, cherries, peaches and apricots. There is a swamp of thrifty wood affording sufficient firing for the place, also fresh and salt meadow producing sufficient hay for the farm.

1793, *Jan. 11*.—\$5 *Reward and charges*.—Ran away from Thomas Lawrence, Newtown, a negro boy, Harry, aged eighteen, of remarkably dark complexion. He had on a dark blue coating jacket, checkered, light striped elastic vest, and dark mixed serge overalls.

1793, *Jan. 19*.—For sale, a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres, occupied by Creed & Mills, on which is a stone house, four miles west of Jamaica and eight from Brooklyn ferry.

1793, *Jan. 24*.—Judith Townsend, Oysterbay, offers for sale the farm of Esther Townsend, deceased, containing twenty-nine acres. It is a convenient stand at the junction of three most public roads leading from different parts of the town to the town mills and public landing. It has an excellent land and water prospect, and would suit a private family, a tradesman, a store or tavern-keeper. The black grass and meadow are in full view of the house.

1793, *Jan. 26*.—Caroline Bowne offers for sale a valuable farm in Flushing, two miles from the landing, on the main road to the east end of the Island, and sixteen miles from New York. It contains one hundred and seventy acres, fifty of which is woodland with a large quantity of timber on it, and twenty acres of salt meadow. A large quantity of fresh grass may be cut almost any year. On it are three orchards, a large barn, and work-shop with granary above. The stock and farming utensils, such as wagons, chairs, sleighs, plows, &c., will be sold at the same time.

1793, *Jan. 23*.—Died, Martin Schenck, Treasurer of Queens County. John M. Smith was appointed in his stead.

1793, *Feb. 12*.—To let, the pleasant and eligible house and farm of two hundred acres, and salt meadow, at Flushing, Bayside, at present in the tenure of William Ouvet and John Peck. It has a prospect of the Sound and all vessels passing. The house is very large and two hundred yards from the river which is plentifully stocked with a variety of fish, that with a net can be drawn up on the beach in large quantities. Enquire of Elijah Pell, N. Y.

1793.—Died, at Halifax, Feb. 16, Elizabeth, the amiable consort of Lawrence Hartshorne, merchant of that place, and daughter of Mr. William Ustick, of Flushing.—*Daily Adv.*

1793.—To the electors of Queens County, At a respectable meeting of the electors of Newtown,

at Abraham Rapelye's, February 27th, Colonel Daniel Lawrence in the chair, it was requested that a correspondence should be entered into with the other towns of this county to fix on a proper person to represent them in the Legislature;

*Resolved*, That Isaac Corsa, John Lawrence and Robert Moore, Esqrs., be a committee for that purpose;

*Resolved*, That it is the intent of this meeting to support Samuel Riker for Assembly.

1793, Feb. 20.—Vote of Long Island for a member of Congress:

|                  | Joshua Sands. | Harry Peters. | *Thomas Treadwell. |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Newtown,         | 39            | 7             | 74                 |
| Jamaica,         | 31            | 23            | 76                 |
| Flushing,        | 76            | 20            | 15                 |
| South Hempstead, | 27            | 431           | 16                 |
| North Hempstead, | 23            | 82            | 31                 |
| Oysterbay,       | 104           | 45            | 153                |
| Suffolk County,  | 44            | 30            | 1069               |
| Kings County,    | 425           | 35            | 12                 |
| Total,           | 769           | 673           | 1446               |

1793, Feb. 28.—George Townsend offers for sale the farm of Benjamin Townsend, deceased, at Jericho. It is not inferior to any and contains one hundred and sixty acres, forty of which is timbered. On it are a plenty of fruit trees, crib, smoke-house and chair-house. Near the farm is a one hundred acre lot of the Plains in good fence.

1793.—At a numerous and respectable meeting of the electors of Flushing, Newtown and Jamaica, at Mrs. Hinchman's, Jamaica, March 2d, Major Lewis Cornwall in the chair and Eliphalet Wickes, Clerk; it was voted and agreed, by a large majority, that Dr. Isaac Ledyard and John B. Hicks, be held up as proper persons to represent this county in the Assembly.

1793.—Simeon DeWitt, Surveyor-General, advertises for sale, March 5th, at the house of Daniel Monfort, Norwich, all the right and title of the people of the State of New York to the lands deemed to be forfeited by the attainder of Thomas Jones, viz: all the meadow, fresh and salt, lying on the south side of Long Island, joining to the Beach, between the gut called Massapage, west, or thereabout, and the west gut, called Merrick gut, and the hammocks and broken meadow lying between Oysterbay meadow and the beach, with the privilege of the beach, to the salt sea. Deed given without warrantee.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1793, March 11.—Samuel Underhill, Flushing, offers for sale that pleasant and advantageously situated place, of seventy acres of upland and fourteen of salt meadow, near the landing, and adjoining the place formerly of Robert Crommelin. On it is an orchard of apples, peaches, plums, &c.

\*Elected.

1793, March 23.—Dr. S. L. Mitchell advises the farmers, as fencing stuff is becoming scarce, to plant hedges of the white mulberry\* whose leaves would also yield food for the silk-worm.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1793, March 26.—Samuel Jackson offers for sale his farm, at Oysterhay, thirty-four miles from New York, near Cold Spring, and within one mile of the landing, whence sloops attend the New York market weekly. It contains three hundred acres, of which two hundred is timber land, the remainder arable.

1793, March 26.—Taken up a swimming, at Hell-Gate, by Caleb Schuyler, a horse, which is now on Barn Island. The owner may have him by paying all costs and charges accruing. If not claimed in two months, he will be sold to defray expenses.—*Daily Adv.*

1793, July 6.—William Warne informs the public in general and his former customers that he has furnished himself with an elegant coach sufficiently large to carry six passengers. It will run daily, except Sundays, from his house, Jamaica, at 7, and return from Mr. Allen's, Brooklyn ferry, at 4, at the moderate price of 2s. 6d. Letters and newspapers for customers carried gratis.

1793, Sept. 18.—*Beaver Pond Races*.—A purse of £20—entrance with William Warne, 20s. The next day a race for a saddle, bridle and whip. Not less than three reputable horses to start.

1793, Sept. 24.—Edmund Ludlow, of New York, gentleman, was indicted in Queens County for an assault on Elizabeth Keteltas, of Jamaica. He gave bail for his appearance at trial in the sum of £2,000—Carey and Gabriel W. Ludlow, £1000 each; but he failed to appear and the Court ordered that their recognizances be estreated.—*Court Minutes*.

1793.—Absalom, otherwise called Bob, a negro, was tried, September 24th, before Judge Lansing, for robbery and assault on Elizabeth Mercier, Newtown, and sentenced to be hanged, October 25th, at the usual place of execution. The witnesses were Jonah Hallet, John D. Mercier and William Lawrence. He was twenty-one weeks in jail.

1793, Dec. 2.—Charles Gallifar, schoolmaster, going from Hog Island to Oak Neck, being intoxicated with liquor, fell into the bay and was drowned instantly.

1793, Dec. 21.—\$15 Reward.—Ran away from Samuel Fish, Newtown, a negro man, Pompey, aged thirty. He has a down look when spoken to and had his shoes tied with strings.

\*Instead of prim formerly used, but killed by frost in 1779-80.—*Ed.*

†Miss Keteltas, March 12, 1798, petitioned the Legislature for a grant of the money thus forfeited.

1793, *Dec. 25*.—Charles Doughty, Flushing; offers for sale the farm of Benjamin Dusenbury, deceased, at Foster's Meadow, on the road from Jamaica to Hempstead, containing one hundred and forty acres. It is a good stand for a shopkeeper, as a shop has been kept there many years. It has an apple orchard, and other trees.

1794, *Jan. 11*.—\$10 *Reward*.—Ran away from John Rapelye, Newtown, a negro boy, Joe, aged twenty, who speaks plain English. He had on a blue, long coat, drab overalls, shoes tied and a felt hat.

1794, *Jan. 6*.—Jonah Hallet, Esq., offers for sale two farms, occupied by him, in the centre of the pleasant and salubrious town of Newtown. There are seventy-five acres, ten of which is meadow, producing forty loads of English hay, one two-story double house, and a stone house and kitchen.

1794, *Jan. 6*.—James Lloyd, of Boston, offers for sale the house, barn, and farm of six hundred acres, on the east end of Lloyd's Neck, so well known for its convenient situation and other valuable properties.

1794, *Jan. 11*.—\$10 *Reward*.—Ran away from John Rapelye, Newtown, a negro boy, Joe, aged twenty, who speaks plain English. He had on a blue long coat, drab overalls, shoes tied and a felt hat.

1794, *Jan. 18*.—Died, on Monday, at Newtown, William Lawrence, Esq., aged sixty-five. His remains were interred in the family burying ground, attended by a large collection of relations and friends. In him, his wife is bereft of an affectionate husband, his children of a loving and indulgent parent, his relations of a worthy and sincere friend, and the public of a useful, benevolent and valuable man.—*Daily Adv.*

1794, *Jan. 22*.—Josiah Blackwell, Newtown, offers for sale half of Blackwell's Island, consisting of fifty-nine acres, with house, two orchards and a number of quarries of the best gray stone, which are an inexhaustible source of profit.

1794.—Died, *Jan. 25*, after a very short illness, Rev. Leonard Cutting, aged sixty-nine, formerly professor of Greek and Latin at Columbia College, then rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, and late of Christ Church, Newbern, N. C. For learning, probity, unaffected piety and a generous spirit of independence, he was respected, esteemed and beloved equally by his pupils, parishioners and friends.—*Daily Adv.*

1794, *Jan. 28*.—Charles Farrington offers for sale his farm, of forty acres, two miles from Newtown landing.

1794, *Feb. 9*.—\$5 *Reward*.—Ran away from Abraham Polhemus, Newtown, a negro man, Jack, who wore a jacket with sleeves, and his hair tied couped at the ears.

1794, *Feb. 10*.—For sale, the plantation, late of Townsend Dickenson, deceased, at Cedar Swamp, containing two hundred and thirty acres, forty of which is timbered with oak, hickory and chestnut. The farm is natural for grass and grain, and lies two miles from a landing. Enquire of Isaac Underhill, Flushing; Amos Underhill, on the premises, or David Underhill, New York.

1794, *Feb. 12*.—Dr. Daniel Menema, Jamaica, is appointed Sheriff of Queens County.

1794, *Feb. 12*.—Ran away from Henry Prior, Oysterbay, Jacob Tobias, a white boy, aged fourteen. He had on a mixed colored coat, jacket, breeches, and old hat. 1s. 6d. reward.

1794, *Feb. 21*.—For sale, the farm of William Lawrence, deceased, Newtown, containing two hundred and thirty acres of arable, timber and meadow land, fenced principally with stone, one mile from Hallett's Cove. It has a delightful and singularly extensive prospect. On it are a barn with shelters on each side, a granary with a cider-mill under it, a stone smoke-house, barrack, crib, &c., four orchards, producing one thousand barrels of pippins and two hundred barrels of cider. There is an excellent stone-quarry and an acre of turf-meadow.

1794, *Feb. 22*.—Daniel Lawrence, John B. Hicks and Thomas Cornwell, offer for sale the farm of John Talman, deceased, two miles from Bayside landing, where a great variety of fish are caught, and shad in their season. It is one and a half miles from two grist-mills. On it are a double two-story house with two kitchens, two barns, a granary, wagon-house and crib.

1794, *March 4*.—Abiathar Rhodes offers, on generous terms, his beautiful and pleasant farm of three hundred and seventy acres, with woodland and salt and fresh meadow, at Jamaica South. On it are a new house with four rooms on the first and second floors, a large apple orchard of grafted fruit. It is convenient for getting sedge off the marsh, and has an extensive prospect, bounded only by the extremity of the watery distance, the bay and sea lying before the house.

1794, *March 12*.—Abraham Polhemus, Sr., Dutch Kills, offers for sale his farm, of sixty or seventy acres, on which are an orchard, weave-shop, &c.

1794, *March 15*.—Abraham Skinner, Jamaica, offers for sale his farm, of forty acres, six of meadow and eight of woodland. It would suit a gentleman or farmer, and has every convenience. The house has seven rooms, a pantry, with kitchen adjoining, and a well near the kitchen door.

1794, *March 14*.—To let, the house and farm, where William Pearsall now lives, at Near Rockaway, within twenty rods of Dorlon's mill, where vessels go and come from New York every week during summer, and where may be had a great plenty of fish and fowl in their season. The

pleasantness of the place (as it is so well known) needs no further recommendation.

1794, April 21.—Beaver Pond Races, on Monday. Purse, £20. Entrance, 20s., the Saturday before. Any horse that has won £20 must carry six lbs. extra weight. Next day a race for an elegant saddle.

1794, April 2.—\$10 Reward.—Ran away from Charles Hewlett, Eastwoods, a negro man, aged twenty-five, named Spry or Zenas.

1794, April 8.—John B. Hicks offers for sale his farm, of two hundred and forty-five acres, west side of Little Neck Bay commonly called Bayside. On it is a good dwelling-house, with an adjoining one for an overseer, a spring of water before the door, and a large orchard of winter and cider apples.

1794, June 18.—EDUCATION.—An Academy is just opened at the pleasant and healthy town of South Hempstead, wherein the Greek, Latin, French and English languages will be faithfully taught, and the morals and manners of the youth diligently inspected and carefully regulated. The laws made for the government of the Institution, and terms on which board and tuition can be obtained, may be known by applying to the printer.

By order of the Trustees,

JOHN LEFFERTS, *Secretary.*

1794, Oct. 8.—The Beaver Pond Races took place on Tuesday last. Six horses ran for the Purse of £100. *Polydore*, of New York, took the first and second heat and purse. On Wednesday, a purse of £50 was run for by seven horses, and taken by *Young Messenger*, from New Jersey, over *Gold Tocs*, of New York, who won the first heat. On Thursday, a purse of £47 10s. was run for by six horses, and taken by *Red Bird*. There were between two and three thousand spectators and no accident happened.—*N. Y. Journal.*

Names of persons who contributed to the repairs and support of the Episcopal Church, in Jamaica, at various times, from 1786 to 1794 :

|                     |      |                     |      |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Bardin, Edward      | 1786 | Mackerel, James     | 1793 |
| Battin, John        | 1793 | McNeil, Charles     | 1793 |
| Bedel Jacob. Clerk  | 1786 | Morrel, James       | 1793 |
| Betts, Thomas       | 1786 | Moulton, Charles    | 1793 |
| Brownjohn, Samuel   | 1786 | Ogden, Jacob        | 1793 |
| Carpenter, Benjamin | 1793 | Ogden, Peter        | 1784 |
| Charlton, John      | 1786 | Pettit, Isaac       | 1793 |
| Clarkson, Levinus*  | 1793 | Skinner, Abraham    | 1786 |
| Colgan, Thomas      | 1786 | Smith, Christopher  | 1786 |
| Crommelin, Robert   | 1793 | Thatford, John      | 1793 |
| Depeyster, James    | 1786 | Troup, John         | 1786 |
| Dudley, John        | 1793 | Troup, Robert       |      |
| Dunn, John          | 1794 | Van Nostrand, Aaron | 1784 |
| Edgar, William      | 1786 | Van Nostrand, John, | 1793 |
| Eldert, Samuel      | 1786 | Waters, William     | 1786 |
| Fleming, Samson     | 1786 | Waters, John I.     | 1786 |
| Hinchman, John      | 1794 | Welling, Thomas     | 1786 |
| Kissam, Daniel      | 1786 | Welling, Samuel     | 1786 |

1795.—Jan 6th was observed as a day of Hu-

iliation and Prayer, throughout the States of New York and New Jersey.

1795.—Canvass of the vote of Queens County :

|                    | Governor. |       | Congress.         |               |             |                  |       |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------|
|                    | Yates,†   | Jay,* | William Cornwall, | Samuel Jones, | John Smith, | John N. Havens,* | J. N. |
| Oysterbay, - - -   | 55        | 59    | 15                | 64            | 4           | 18               |       |
| South Hempstead, - | 23        | 214   | 304               | 36            | 6           | 1                |       |
| North Hempstead, - | 42        | 86    | 30                | 51            | 19          | 48               |       |
| Flushing, - - -    | 34        | 52    | 1                 | 54            | 2           | 4                |       |
| Jamaica, - - -     | 75        | 23    | 26                | 35            | 17          | 7                |       |
| Newtown, - - -     | 77        | 48    | 0                 | 37            | 26          | 3                |       |
| Total,             | 306       | 482   | 376               | 277           | 74          | 61               |       |

1795.—During a severe snow storm the ancient family of Stites, Hempstead, became extinct. The father, William, and his sons, all went into the bay and a snow storm suddenly coming up, they were unable to reach any human abode. The next morning they were found frozen to death, in a boat-house near their boat.

1795, April 8.—James Lawrence, Flushing, offers for sale his farm, of one hundred and thirty-five acres. It is three miles from Jamaica.

1795, April 8.—Jacob Hicks, Far Rockaway, offers for sale his farm, of four hundred acres, on the road to the sea-shore. It has a view of the sea half a mile distant.

1795, June 28.—Sarah Lawrence, a girl, by accident, fell in the mill-pond, called the Alley, and was drowned.

1795.—A number of the inhabitants of North Hempstead met to celebrate the Fourth of July, on the spot where they raised the Standard of Liberty, in 1775. The day was spent with great harmony and decorum, and the following toasts were drank :

1. The Fourth of July, may it ever be respected, and never abused.
2. The United States of America.
3. The President of the United States.
4. The State of New York.
5. The Governor of this State.
6. The Congress of the United States.
7. Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures.
8. The Republic of France.
9. The Republic of Holland.
10. A general peace in Europe, favorable to Republics
11. He whose country is the world, and whose religion is to do good.
12. May the citizens of the United States, in their prosperity, never forget industry, economy and Justice.
13. The Rights of Man. *Three cheers.*
14. May each return of the day, bring to our country an increase of happiness.

\*Elected.

†Yates ran twice for Governor; first on the Federal, and then on the Republican ticket, but was never elected.—*Ed.*

\*He died at Jamaica, May 24, 1798, aged fifty-eight.—*Ed.*

12. The American Fair. *Three cheers.*

1795, *Sept. 23.*—For sale, the farm of John Troup, consisting of eighteen acres, within half a mile of the centre of the village of Jamaica. It would suit a gentleman in business or retired. The garden is in cedar-paled fence, and has apricots, nectarines, &c.

1795, *Oct. 31.*—At the New Market Course, on Wednesday last, was a match race for \$500 by Mr. Seabury's horse, *Polydore*, and Mr. Allen's mare, *Virginia Nell*. The latter won. They ran the two four-mile heats. The running was equal, if not superior, to any before. *Polydore* had travelled two much of late.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1795.—Joseph Crispin died in a fit, in a piece of woodland, in North Hempstead, some time in the first part of November.

1796, *Jan. 2.*—For sale, a farm of one hundred acres, two miles south of Jamaica, and one mile from the landing, where there is good fishing. On it are apple, peach, pear, plum and cherry trees. Apply to Charles Welling, on the premises, or Charles Welling, Jr., New York.

1796, *Jan. 18.*—The name of South Hempstead was altered to Hempstead.—*Ass. Jour.*

1796, *Feb. 2.*—For sale, the two-story house and lot of David Lamberson, in the double street, Jamaica, next door to Mrs. Hinchman's tavern. It has the necessary out-houses, cistern, garden and small orchard. It has been occupied fifty years as a store.

1796, *Feb. 9.*—Thomas Denton offers for sale his house and three-quarters of an acre of land, on which is a hatter's shop, with tools, opposite the Academy, Jamaica.

1796, *March 7.*—David Doty, Richard Sands and Samuel Woolley, petition the Legislature for the exclusive right of a ferry on the East River, from Queens to Westchester County.—*Ass. Jour.*

1796, *March 29.*—*To the Electors of Queens County.*—Having been prevented by public duties, for some years past, from attending to my private concerns, I must decline a nomination for Representative to Congress. I beg my fellow-citizens to accept my grateful acknowledgements for the confidence they have been pleased to repose in me, by honoring me with their suffrages on so many occasions.

NATHANIEL LAWRENCE.

1796, *April 5.*—For sale, that beautiful and elegant seat called Hyde Park, north side of Hempstead Plains, containing four hundred and seventy acres, of which three hundred and fifty is in fence. It has two orchards of the choicest fruits, eighty acres of woodland, a spacious dwelling-house in a grove, having prospects through six delightful avenues, a barn, hog-sty, out-offices, two farm-houses, and a green-house well furnished with tropical plants. It is well calculated for a family of taste

and fortune, being in a centre of country abounding in game of all sorts. Apply to John H. Thompson, New York, or Charles Moulton.—*Daily Advertiser*.

1796.—The widow Gilzian will sell at auction, April 8th, her house, barn, farming utensils, and farm of twenty-two acres of homestead, chiefly orcharding of peaches, pears, &c., one mile from Newtown, on the stage-road, a quarter of a mile from a landing and nine from Brooklyn. Also, a number of medicines and shop-furniture for an apothecary.

1796, *April 12.*—An Academy, under the sole direction of the Rev. T. L. Moore, will be opened at South Hempstead, April 17th. Able teachers will be provided in the different sciences, and particular attention paid to the education, morals and manners of the youth committed to his care.

1796, *May 1.*—John Battin wishes to inform his fellow-citizens that he has taken the house formerly occupied by William Warne, Jamaica, where he intends to keep a genteel house of entertainment. He has laid in an assortment of the best LIQUORS, and flatters himself to be enabled to give general satisfaction to the public.—*Daily Adv.*

1796, *May 7.*—Mr. St. Mary, late proprietor, offers for sale, a farm of three hundred acres, south side of Jamaica, commanding a beautiful prospect. On it are an orchard of two hundred trees, and a garden in perfect order. It is all sown and well calculated for an early crop to market. The farm abounds with game, fish, fowl, oysters, clams, &c. Eight acres are sown with oats, rye, grass, clover, timothy and lucerne. Eleven bushels of rye were sown last fall. There are two hundred loads of manure for corn. Also, twelve milch cows well chosen.—*Daily Adv.*

1796, *May 20.*—For sale, the house, lot and well-manured garden of Mr. St. Mary, in Jamaica village. He and his elephant are about leaving New York.—*N. Y. Diary*.

1796.—A school will be opened in Newtown, the first Monday in May, in which will be taught, by an able instructor, reading writing, arithmetic, geography, English grammar, Latin, Greek and French. Manners and morals will be attended to. Board for either sex may be had in respectable families. Further particulars may be had of Rev. Nathan Woodhull.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1796, *May 24.*—The Latin and Greek languages, and sciences, are taught at Union Hall\* Academy, Jamaica, under the care of the Rev. George Faitoute. A room is devoted to the instruction of young ladies in the refinements of the needle.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1796, *June 3.*—Vote of Queens County, for four Senators of the Southern District:

\*Called Union Hall from being built by a union of the three towns of Jamaica, Flushing and Newtown.—*Ed.*

| Republican.   |   | Federal.            |       |
|---------------|---|---------------------|-------|
| Aaron Burr.   | - | 223 James Watson,*  | - 455 |
| John Schenck, | - | 293 A. Onderdonk,*  | - 507 |
| John Smith,   | - | 212 Samuel Haight,* | - 440 |
| Abel Smith,   | - | 191 Selah Strong,*  | - 459 |

1796, *June 6*.—Jeremiah Vanderbilt, Jr., Far Rockaway, thanks his friends for past favors, and informs them that he is now furnished with large airy rooms for parties, and has erected a new convenient stage, to run Monday and Friday, at one P. M., from his house to Brooklyn ferry, stop a little time at Jamaica, and return from Jacob Hicks', Brooklyn, Tuesday and Saturday, at two P. M. Each passenger, 8s.; one hundred and fifty pounds baggage equal to a passenger; 3d. a letter.—*N. Y. Diary*.

1796, *July 19*.—Ran away from James Smith, Jamaica, an apprentice boy, George Ludlum, aged nineteen, a shoemaker. He had on a striped nankeen coat, coarse jean waistcoat, plain nankeen breeches with ferret strings at the knees. He is very impudent and forward in company. Who ever puts him in jail, &c., shall receive \$10 reward.

1796, *July 19*.—Last week the vegetable world has been refreshed by plenteous libations from the celestial water-pots, and all nature seems revived. The season has been favorable to the early harvest, and exuberant crops are taking in.

1796, *Aug. 1*.—Died, at Newtown, aged twenty-six, Mr. Philip Skinner, formerly of New Jersey, after five hours illness. His parents are deprived of a dutiful child, and an extensive circle of acquaintances of a very agreeable companion.—*N. Y. Journal*.

1796, *Aug. 6*.—Sarah, widow of William Wood, offers for sale, a pleasant situation near Jamaica, containing forty five acres, a two-story house, barn, hovel and other out-buildings, an orchard and garden in full bearing—all in good fence.—*Daily Adv.*

1796, *Aug. 16*.—For sale, the farm of William Wood, deceased; containing three hundred and seventy acres, three miles from Jamaica, and half a mile from the road leading thereto, and nine from Brooklyn. It is manured with ashes and laid down with different kinds of grass seed. Ninety loads of hay may be cut yearly. The house has a piazza in front, a portal and entry, with two parlors and three bed-rooms. The rooms are papered and fit for the reception of a genteel family. There is a cider-mill, smoke-house, fowl-house, milk-house paved with brick, with a well in the middle, to which water is communicated by spouts from a pump. There is an orchard of three hundred trees, two gardens, six asparagus-beds, hot-beds, pears, peaches, nectarines, plums, strawberries and cherries. On the other side of the road is an eminence commanding a view of Jamaica bay, the hills and adjacent country, and containing sixty acres, with two houses, one for an overseer. It is

\*Elected.

two miles from two good landings. The bay affords clams, fish and oysters. In winter there is good fowling, and a trout stream  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant. Enquire of Sarah Wood, on the premises.—*Daily Adv.*

1796, *Aug. 18*.—Thomas Woolley offers for sale his farm of one hundred acres of good kind land, fronting the East River, and sixteen acres of approved turf bottom, equal to any in Europe, having been cut down fifteen feet and growing better. Shell and scale-fish may be taken every day. Woodcock, quail and other small game in plenty. Passage and market boats pass daily, with the pleasing prospect of all the shipping to and from New York. Also, stock and farming utensils. Dated at Great Neck.

1796, *Aug. 22*.—William Crosswell, A. M., late master of the Academy at Jamaica, has opened a school in Liberty Street, New York.

1796, *Sept. 2*.—Thomas Arden, at the head of Newtown Creek, offers for sale his farm of one hundred and seventy acres, most of which is ready for the scythe or plow.

1796, *Sept. 5*.—Died, at Flushing, Sunday, se'nnight, Gerard G. Beekman, Esq., aged seventy-seven, a citizen of New York, whose hospitality and good old wine endeared him to many friends. He had retired from business to pass the remainder of his life in quiet, and enjoy those rational amusements which the delightful plains of Long Island afforded him.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1796, *Oct. 6*.—Stephen Stilwell offers for sale his farm, (where a store is now kept) containing twenty acres, and half an acre of turf for fuel, in a pleasant and healthy situation, between two roads, one from Newtown to Hell-Gate ferry and the other to Flushing Bay. It is convenient for a gentleman retired from business, or doing business in the city. On it are orchards of apples, pears, peaches and plums. A row of black cherry-trees extends from one end of the farm to the other. Also, gooseberries, raspberries, currants, almonds and butternuts. The house is two-stories high, forty feet front, with piazza and a beautiful green before the door.

1796, *Oct. 31*.—On the evening of a Sheep-parting, in John Brush's work-room, North Hempstead, Rock's Ben challenged Elias Nation, a mustee, to fight with him. Elias at first declined, but Ben struck him and they had two scuffles. Ezekiel Baldwin held the candle near half an hour, and Joseph Seaman stood by with a stick. While Ben had Elias down, a white man (unknown) and Micah Jackson (colored) kicked Elias in the small of the back and sides, so that he died thereof November 8th.—*Coroner's Inquest*.

1796, *Nov. 4*.—Abiathar Rhoads, Jamaica, offers for sale, the farm on which he lives, forty rods from the Episcopal Church, on the road to Flushing. It contains twenty-two acres, in cedar and chestnut fence, and a well of extraordinary water.

1796, Nov. 19.—Benjamin Coe offers for sale, his farm of seventy-two acres, in a high state of cultivation, at Newtown, within half a mile of three churches, and near the Academy. On it are two dwelling-houses, barn, orchards, &c.—*Daily Adv.*

1797, Feb. 11.—James Smith offers for sale the pleasant farm, formerly of Colonel Gabriel G. Ludlow, containing one hundred and twelve acres of arable land, improved with ashes, and thirty of woodland, enclosed in chestnut and cedar fence. On it are a large house and dairy, stone well, large cemented cistern; two capacious barns, two apple-orchards, with peaches, pears, plums and cherries of almost every description. It yields twenty to thirty tons of English hay. It is four miles from a landing, and six from Jamaica. There is a handsome prospect from the plains, which render very good shooting in the season of plovering.—*Daily Adv.*

1797, Feb. 23.—For sale, the late residence of widow Ann Field, deceased, Flushing. It is two miles from the landing and half a mile from a grist-mill, and contains one hundred acres. It has a spring twenty rods from the house. Apply to John Bowne, or Walter Farrington, near by.—*Daily Adv.*

1797, March 8.—The Rev. George Faitoute, Jamaica, has removed his school from the Academy to his own house, where he continues to teach the Latin and Greek languages, sciences, &c. The school has been and still is in a flourishing condition. Board may be had in genteel families.

1797, March 17.—N. Moore and J. Suydam, Trustees, want a person, with good recommendation, capable to instruct children in reading, writing and arithmetic, in a school at Newtown.—*Daily Adv.*

1797, March 25.—James Waters and others, of Jamaica, owners of an engine, petition for an Act for the better extinguishing of fires.—*Ass. Jour.*

1797, April 1.—The proprietors of a fire engine in Jamaica, are authorized by the Legislature to form an organization, of from three to five Trustees, who are to choose thirteen firemen (volunteers) who are to be exempt from military duty.—*Ass. Jour.*

1797, April 4.—Voted, in Town Meeting, that a cage be erected in the town of Jamaica, the expense to be paid by the Overseers of the poor.

1797, June 14.—\$20 Reward.—Ran away from Abraham Schenck, Great Neck, a negro man, Jake, much addicted to liquor, very impertinent when intoxicated, wore a high-crowned hat, hair shortish and tied behind. He is something of a fiddler, very active, and values himself much on jumping over fences.

1797, June 21.—On Friday last, a gentleman traveling on horseback, from Brooklyn ferry to Jamaica, very narrowly escaped being killed by a flash of lightning, which carried away the skirts of

his coat. He never discovered it till he got to Jamaica. He had in his pocket two horse-shoes, which he supposed must have attracted the lightning.—*N. Y. Mer. Adv.*

1797, June 30.—For sale, M. Gauffreau's farm, of one hundred and fifteen acres, near Van Brunt's mill, and close to Jamaica Bay.—*Daily Adv.*

1797.—Died, at Hempstead, July 5th, Nathaniel Lawrence, Esq., aged thirty-six, for three years Attorney-General of this State, much and deservedly lamented. He was buried in the Episcopal church-yard there, attended by a numerous train of sorrowing relatives and friends. He had a mind of great fertility and energy; and was too honest to be a complete politician and too independent to become the dupe of any party. He was exemplary as a son, husband, father, brother, friend and master, and died a professing disciple of the Lord Jesus. He was never deistical in his ideas and had too much understanding to be enthusiastical.—*N. Y. Journal.*

INDEPENDENCE.—At a recent meeting of a number of Republicans at Independent Town, on Cow Neck, (formerly called Stoning Town) on the 4th of July, to celebrate the Anniversary of American Independence, at the place where the standard of liberty was erected in the year 1776, after firing sixteen guns to celebrate each of the United States, they spent the afternoon in good humor, mirth, and decorum, and drank the following toasts:

1. The 4th of July—may it be held in veneration by all true sons of liberty. Four cheers.
2. George Washington—may his services never be forgotten. Six cheers.
3. George Clinton, late Governor of the State of New York—may his patriotism ever be in remembrance. Three cheers.
4. John Jay, our present Governor—may his services be equal to the confidence reposed in him. Three cheers.
5. John Adams, President of the United States—may he keep checks and balances even. Three cheers.
6. The Congress of the United States—may they act in unison for the public good. Three cheers.
7. The Legislature of New York—may her future wisdom exceed all her former. Eight cheers.
8. May the Sun of Liberty shine throughout the universe. Four cheers.
9. The united Republics of France and Batavia—may justice and liberty crown their exertions. Six cheers.
10. The Militia of the United States—may it always command respect. Three cheers.
11. May our navy and fortifications protect us from all insult. Three cheers.
12. May there be a stop put to the spoliation of our Commerce. Three cheers.
13. May our agriculture and commerce flourish unrivalled. Three cheers.

14. May the companies of our lock navigation succeed in their patriotic undertaking. Three cheers.

15. May Arts and Sciences flourish through the United States. Three cheers.

16. May all wars and discord cease. Three cheers.

*Volunteer.*

May the Fair of America cherish none but the forms of Liberty. Six cheers.

1797, *Sept. 1.*—Ran away from Richard Beadle, Hempstead, an apprentice, William Webb. He has thick lips, bold countenance, and wore a large crowned hat. Whoever returns him shall be well rewarded.—*Daily Adv.*

1797.—Abraham Schenck and Cornelius Van Brunt, Executors, will sell at vendue, *Sept. 27th*, the well cultivated farm of Jacob Adriance, deceased, near Success, containing one hundred and fourteen acres, with two never-failing ponds in different parts, a house with two fire-places and kitchen, a spacious Dutch barn with shingle-roof and board-floor, a large hovel, granary, wagon-house with a corn-crib under it, an orchard of one hundred and fifty grafted trees and other choice fruit.—*Daily Adv.*

1797, *Sept. 17.*—Richard Smith, New York, offers for sale, a lot in the centre of Flushing, on which are a two-story house of six rooms, a garden and blacksmith's shop. It is the first situation in the place for a store or tavern, or for a private family, as passage-boats ply every other day to the city, and the bay abounds in sea and shell fish.—*Daily Adv.*

1797, *Sept. 30.*—Died, on Saturday evening, at Brooklyn, Andrew Onderdonk, Esq., one of the Senators of the Southern District and Member of the Council of Appointment, a man in whom were centered the endearing qualities of a good citizen, the tender and affectionate husband, the dutiful son, the honest man and the Christian.

1797, *Nov. 9.*—While Mr. and Mrs. Gosline were riding from Newtown to Brooklyn ferry, the horse took fright nearly opposite to the Methodist church, and, after running a short distance, upset the chair, by which means Mrs. Gosline received considerable injury, having been much bruised in several places, but from the timely aid and benevolent exertions of D. Coleman and other inhabitants who came to her assistance, hopes are entertained that the consequences will not prove fatal, notwithstanding her situation is peculiarly delicate and precarious.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1798, *March 6.*—£200 is ordered to be raised in Queens County, for the repair of the Court House.—*Ass. Jour.*

1798, *March 24.*—Nathaniel Coles is appointed Brigadier-General of the Militia of Kings and Queens Counties, in place of Matthew Clarkson, promoted to be Major-General.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1798, *March 31.*—*Newtown Stage.*—A neat light, airy coach, hung upon steel springs, will start from Mr. Abraham Rapelye's Newtown, for Brooklyn, on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, at six, and leave Mr. Van Nostrand's, Brooklyn, at five P. M., during the summer. Fare, 3s.; and for way-passengers, 5d. per mile. To prevent being discommoded only seven passengers will be taken at a time.

EDWARD HOWARD & CO.

1798, *June 2.*—Vote of Queens County in part:

|                   | Governor. |            | Senators. |             |             |             |             |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                   | Jay,*     | Livingston | Cornell   | Vandervoort | D. Clinton* | D. Geelston | J. Schenck* |
| South Hempstead,  | 214       | 41         | 163       | 140         | 41          | 21          | 135         |
| North Hempstead,  | 69        | 47         | 36        | 33          | 41          | 41          | 80          |
| Oysterbay, - - -  | 107       | 26         | 63        | 63          | 12          | 18          | 40          |
| Newtown, - - - -  | 36        | 77         | 26        | 27          | 77          | 75          | 83          |
| Jamaica, - - - -  | 26        | 100        | 19        | 10          | 98          | 98          | 111         |
| Flushing, - - - - | 53        | 26         | 70        | 48          | 21          | 18          | 25          |
| Total, - - - -    | 507       | 317        | 377       | 321         | 290         | 271         | 474         |

1798, *June 10.*—*Jamaica Stage.*—John Van Nostrand and Caleb Mills, drive separate stages, alternate days, except Saturday and Monday, when both stages go, leaving Jamaica at seven o'clock, and Mrs. Horton's, Brooklyn, at half-past four. Any article not cumbersome or disagreeable to passengers freely admitted.

1798, *June 28.*—John Brevort offers to run his horse, *Royalist*, against *Eclipse* and *Baronet*, for \$500, on the New Market Course. The best two in three four-mile heats.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1798—*Aug. 9th*, the thermometer stood at 96° in the shade, and 151° in the sun.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1798, *Aug. 15.*—We learn that in the tempest, on Saturday, a sloop, on the Long Island shore, was struck, and the flash killed one young man and severely wounded another. At Hempstead, a barn was struck and instantly burnt to the ground.—*N. Y. Jour.*

1798, *Aug. 15.*—£10 *Reward.*—Ran away from Jacob Foster, Jamaica, a negro, Newport, who plays on a violin, and sometimes is addicted to liquor.

1798, *Sept. 17.*—Ezekiel Pearce offers for sale, his farm of seventy-one acres, two miles from Flushing landing, on the main road from the Great Plains to Whitestone ferry. On it are two small houses, two barns, two wells, and apple, pear, peach, cherry and plum trees. It is suitable for dividing into three or four parts for building.—*Daily Adv.*

1798, *Sept. 21.*—Nathaniel Renne offers for sale, the estate of James Renne, lately occupied by

\*Ejected.

Samuel Renne, deceased, at Newtown, one mile from the public landing, and eight from Brooklyn, on the stage-road. It contains eighty acres in a high state of improvement, with a house, two-story shop, barn, coach-house, and twelve acres of orchard.

1798, Sept. 21.—Ann Brownjohn offers for sale her beautiful country seat, on the main road, at the entrance of the much admired town of Jamaica. The mansion has four rooms on the first and second floors, a new court-yard in front ornamented with poplar and other trees. There are fifty-six and a half acres fit for the scythe or plough. There is an opportunity of purchasing provisions from the market-wagons which pass daily. It would suit any one who wishes to partake of the enjoyments of rural life.—*Daily Adv.*

1798, Oct. 16.—\$4 Reward and charges.—Ran away, without hat or shoes, from Edward Duffel, Jamaica South, a dark mulatto boy, George, aged twelve. He was brought from South Carolina last year.—*Daily Adv.*

1798, Nov. 6.—For sale, the farm of John Lawrence, Newtown, above Hellgate, containing sixty acres. It has a beautiful prospect. Excellent fish are taken in front of the land on the East River.—*Daily Adv.*

1798, Dec. 10.—For sale, ten thousand Lombardy poplar trees,\* from ten to seventeen feet in height, by William Prince, Flushing.

1798, Dec. 26.—At a general and large meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Newtown, at the Court House, Mr. Johannis DeWitt was called to the chair; when it was unanimously resolved that the Alien and Sedition laws ought to be repealed; and that a committee be appointed to collect the sense of the towns in the county and to address Congress respecting the repeal of said laws; and that said committee consist of Isaac Ledyard, Benjamin Coe, David Moore, John Lawrence, Jacob Field, Cornelius Luyster, Samuel Riker, Thomas Lawrence, Jr., and Robert Furman; and that they be authorized to correspond with the other towns.

[The above resolutions were sent to the Supervisor or Town Clerk of Flushing, requesting him to call a meeting to endorse the same, and also to attend a County meeting, at the Court House, January 15th, 1799; but the people of Flushing came out strongly against them, as appears by the following proceedings:—*Ed.*]

At a numerous and respectable meeting of the inhabitants of Flushing, convened in pursuance of public notice, at the house of John Bradwell, inn-keeper, Lewis Cornwall was appointed Chairman, and David Gardner, Clerk. The preceding resolutions from Newtown were read.

\*The poplar was, for a time, very extensively planted. Long rows of it were to be seen almost everywhere on the Island. Its leaves were claimed to be as good as hay for fodder. In 1806 it was said to nourish a poisonous worm. See New York, *Evening Post*, July 1, 15.—*Ed.*

Whereas, the inhabitants of Flushing have been called together to obtain from Congress a repeal of the Alien and Sedition acts, and as we are citizens of the United States, and peaceable and well disposed men and men of veracity, and therefore we have nothing to fear from those laws; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we place the utmost confidence in the wisdom, patriotism and integrity of the President of the United States and both houses of Congress, and cannot believe they would pass an act contrary to the Constitution or interest of these States;

That in our opinion the seditious practices of many citizens of our country and the unprincipled conduct of many foreigners, made those laws highly necessary and proper;

That we will use our utmost endeavors to assist the Government in the execution of these laws and all others which the constituted authorities may deem necessary to promote its welfare;

That Richard Morrell and David Gardner be appointed with the Chairman to answer the circular letter from Newtown, and publish these proceedings in two daily papers of New York.

1799, Jan. 29.—Cadwallader D. Colden, Assistant Attorney-General, writes to Governor Jay that the Court of Queens County is at all times the least orderly of any he ever was in, that the entry of the Court House is lined, on Court days, with the stalls of dram-sellers, and filled with drunken people so as to be almost impassable.—*N. Y. American Citizen.*

1799, Jan. 12.—Edward Bardin offers for sale Beaver Hall,\* a beautiful country seat, containing fifty acres, a quarter of a mile west of Jamaica. It has a cistern holding twenty-four hogsheads of water, asparagus-beds, a handsome gravel walk leading up to the house. Also, an eight-acre lot adjoining, on the corner of two roads, at present occupied by Alexander Jones. It has an orchard of apples, plums, cherries, peaches and walnuts. Also four able Esopus horses, nine cows, two able farm negroes, two wagons and harness, two large and one single corn-harrow, &c.

1799, Feb. 6.—John Battin† offers for sale his house, pleasantly situated in the village of Jamaica, (a healthy ride of twelve miles from the ferry) well calculated for a gentleman's retreat, or a public house, as which it has been occupied a number of years. It has four rooms on the first floor and four above.

1799, March 6.—Jacob Foster, Crow Hill, Jamaica, offers for sale his farm of sixty-five acres. On it is a fine view of Rockaway. It cuts timothy and clover. There is also a bed of turf.

1799, March 18.—On Thursday last the dwell-

\*Now Judge Cogswell's.—*Ed.*

†John Battin died in New York, 1852, aged over one hundred years. He was a British soldier in the Revolution, but remained here and became a publican.—*Ed.*

ing-house of the late Rev. William Keteltas, at Jamaica, took fire by accident and was entirely consumed. The house was old and out of repair and of no great value but the loss is principally felt in discommoding a large family at a season of the year not easy to procure a habitation.

1799, May 5.—Job Merrit, a fisherman, at Lloyd's Neck, while walking to his usual fishing-place on a ridge of slippery rocks that lay on the shore and bare at low water, fell on said rocks and wounded his right temple, whereof he died.

1799, May 16.—E. Duffel offers for sale his farm of one hundred and thirteen acres opposite Van Brunt's mill, two miles south of Jamaica, calculated for a gentleman's seat, or farm for cultivation. It is in a pleasant airy and healthy situation close to Jamaica Bay whence fish, oysters and clams are easily procured.

1799, May 16.—A traveller, in passing through Long Island, observed a number of liberty poles. On asking the reason he was told the farmers erected them to show their disapprobation of certain laws of Congress, the land tax, &c.—*Daily Adv.*

1799, Aug. 9.—\$25 Reward.—Ran away from William Smith, Great Neck, a yellow negro man, Peter, aged twenty-eight, slender and neat built. He has bushy hair but wears it tied.

1799, Aug. 13.—John, son of William Pearsall, of Hempstead, mariner, sailed from New York, July 7th, 1798, and was captured by a French Privateer, July, 28th; and four days thereafter was put on board an American vessel; but, August 17th, he, with eight others was impressed by the Captain of the British ship *Hannibal*, who would not condescend to look at his protection. He escaped, November 12th, while in the harbor of Kingston, W. I., by swimming ashore in the night, and took passage for the United States.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1799, Oct. 24.—Richard Seaman, who was in company with Richard Soper, in Hempstead Bay, fell overboard of a skiff and was drowned.

1800.—Jamaica, February 22d.—This day was commemorated in honor of the virtues and talents of George Washington, agreeable to the recommendation of Congress, by the united congregations of the Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed and Episcopal churches of Jamaica and Flushing. The morning was ushered in by the solemn sound of muffled bells. A procession was formed in front of the Episcopal Church, in the following order:

The Infantry and company of Artillery with arms reversed, their order inverted, colors in mourning, and drums muffled.

Masonic brethren.

Students of the Academy.

Trustees.

Citizens.

Strangers.

Officers of the Militia in uniform.

Officers of the different churches.

Committee of arrangements.

Clergy.

Orator.

From the Episcopal Church the procession moved to the Presbyterian Church where the ranks opened, right and left, the military leaning on their arms reversed; the orator followed by the clergy and the rest of the procession advanced through their ranks and, entering the church, were received with solemn music at the entrance by a band of singers, who, in perfection and skill, seemed to vie with each other in honoring the day. The pulpit, desk and gallery were all shrouded in black. The solemnities were introduced with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rattoone, and an ode, composed by the Rev. Mr. Faintoute, was sung. Then an oration was delivered by Mr. Eigenbrodt, in which, with classical elegance and all the integrity of a faithful historian, he depicted the character of our illustrious chief. After the oration another ode was sung, composed by Mr. Faintoute, who then dismissed the assembly with a suitable prayer and blessing.

Thus ended this day in which all parties, sects and distinctions most cordially united. Never did we see a greater concourse of our fellow-citizens, and one general sentiment seemed to pervade the whole—to pay the highest honor to the illustrious Washington.

1800, Feb. 28.—The curious are invited to a sight of one of the most astonishing productions in nature, a large ox raised by Mr. George Hewlett, of Hempstead. (His dam is but a small cow.) He is to be seen at Mrs. Delouf's, Flymarket, admittance one shilling. To give an idea of this ox it need only be mentioned that he is nineteen hands high, seventeen and a half feet in length and nine feet in girth, forming a tremendous mass of animation. Not to view him as he now stands argues the want of that curiosity which tends to enlarge the mind.

1800, April 17.—At a very respectable meeting of the electors of Queens County, at Benjamin Cheeseman's, North Hempstead, Jordan Seaman, Esq., Chairman, and William Burling, Secretary, it was resolved unanimously that this meeting will support General John Smith as Representative to Congress; and Benjamin Hunting, of Suffolk; William Denning, of New York, and Ebenezer Purdy, of Westchester, as Senators of the Southern District; and John I. Skidmore, Jonah Hallett, Joseph Pettit and Abraham Monfort, as representatives in Assembly.

1800, April 19.—Wanted to take charge of an Academy at Newtown, a person well recommended. Apply to Dr. Lawrence or Jacob Moore.

1800, June 9.—Jeremiah Vanderbilt, Jr., has taken Henry Mott into partnership in the Far

Rockaway Stage, which will start Monday and Friday, at one P. M. for Brooklyn ferry, stop a little time at Jamaica, and return from Jacob Hick's, Brooklyn, Tuesday and Saturday, at two P. M. Fare one dollar.

His house is now open for the reception of boarders. A carriage will be ready every morning and evening to convey boarders *gratis* to the seashore, where a place with two apartments is provided for bathers. The advantages of this seabath in point of health and cures yearly experienced are well known.

1801, Jan. 2.—Garret Nostrand, overseer of the farm called Hyde Park, returned home from a sleigh-ride in the evening, and entering the room of widow Elizabeth Betts, the housekeeper of Charles Moulton, an altercation arose during which he received a sword-cut on the left side of his head, of which he died next day. Mrs. Betts with the servant, Catharine Haggerty, was kept in jail twenty-three weeks, during which time she was taken before a judge, in New York, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. At a Court of Oyer and Terminer, June 16th, the Grand Jury endorsed on the bill of indictment *Ignoramus*, and the prisoners were discharged by proclamation.—*Court Minutes*.

1801, Feb. 8.—Late at night an earthquake was perceived at Stoningtown, on Cow Neck.

1801, March 2.—The body of William Miller, who was drowned in a mill-pond, at Musqueto Cove, was found floating, by Henry Bennett, who with the assistance of Daniel Wright got it ashore.

1801, March 4.—Boarding-school at Hempstead. The Rev. Seth Hart, rector of St. George's church,\* is disposed to take six or eight boys to board and lodge in his family and be instructed in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, English grammar and the Latin and Greek languages. Due attention will be paid to the morals of youth intrusted to his care. The situation is healthy, pleasant and convenient, being twenty-two miles from New York, and a regular stage runs every Monday and Friday, and returns Tuesday and Saturday.

1801, March 10.—Nine hundred and thirty-four freeholders of Queens County petition the Legislature for a turnpike from Jamaica to Brooklyn.—*Ass. Jour.*

1801, June 16.—At a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, holden by Morgan Lewis, Esq., at the Court House, Walter Dunlevy, an Irish schoolmaster, who, on the evening of December 2d last, at John Burtis' tavern, in Foster's

Meadow, had a scuffle with Benjamin Fish, a farmer, of Trimming Square, Hempstead, in which the latter lost his life next day, by blows on the head, neck and mouth from a billet of wood) was convicted on an indictment for manslaughter. Upon the hearing of witnesses and viewing the circumstances of the case, the sentence awarded by the Court was fourteen years solitary confinement at hard labor in the State's Prison.

[Willet Lawrence, Under-Sheriff, says "that on Sunday, Jan. 18th, two armed men, between two and three in the morning, came to the Court House, entered undiscovered, and came to his bed, ordered him to keep silence at his peril, and demanded the key of the room that Dunlevy was confined in and ordered him to get up immediately and unlock the door, which he did. They then took the prisoner out and locked him in and threw away the keys." Dunlevy was conveyed to New York, and engaged passage to Europe; but just on the eve of the vessel's sailing, the Captain accidentally heard the report of the rescue, and judged from the description that the passenger on ship-board was the fugitive. Dunlevy was at once identified and committed to Bridewell. He was there kept from January 24th till June 16th, the morning of his trial, when he was escorted to the Court House, in Queens County.]—*Ed.*

1801.—The fourth of July was celebrated by the Republican citizens of the township of Oysterbay, before whom an oration was delivered by Adrian Hegeman.

1802.—The new Academy, at Oysterbay, will be opened April 1st, under the care of the Rev. Marmaduke Earl, A. M., where the different branches of literature will be taught in the best manner, viz., Spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, book-keeping, English grammar, composition, oratory, logic, chronology, geography, trigonometry in its application to surveying and navigation, the Latin and Greek languages.

The situation of Oysterbay as respects salubrity of air, excellence of water, abundance and variety of fruits, scale and shell-fish, easy and regular communication with New York by water, and vicinity to a place of public worship, is not exceeded, perhaps not equalled in the State.

Boarding in good families on reasonable terms.

\* \* For particulars call on Mr. John Townsend, or Solomon Townsend, New York, or James Farley or William Townsend, Oysterbay.

By order of the Trustees,\*

JOHN FLEET, Clerk.

1802, April 14.—William B. Warren was found

\*1792 Jan. 20.—The petition of Timothy Bedell and others, of Hempstead, to the Legislature for an Act to enable them to raise by Lottery £500 for the benefit of their church, and to support the Minister of the Gospel was rejected.—*Ass. Jour.*

At this time, the main street of Jamaica was so little travelled that grass grew on the narrow ridge in the middle of the road, between the tracks made by a team of horses.—*Ed.*

\*The other Trustees were William Butler, Joshua Hammond, Nathaniel Coles, Jr., Thomas Cock, Jr., Thomas Youngs, Charles Cock, Stephen Underhill, Justus Storrs, Samuel Youngs, William Ludlam, Townsend Cock, Daniel Underhill, Jr., William Jones, Jr., Silas Latting, David R. F. Jones, Isaac Van Nostrand, John Ludlam, Zebulon Frost, William McCoun, and Coles Wortman.

lying on his face dead, having been run over by a wagon loaded with stone which he was carting from a lot for Edmund Underhill, Flushing.

1802, *April 23*.—A country seat for sale in Flushing, on the road from Jamaica, containing one hundred and ten acres. On it is a new house forty-four by thirty feet, with a kitchen and bed room for servants in the basement, and six bed-rooms on the second story. It is on a lofty eminence with a view of Newtown, Flushing and its bay, the Sound, Westchester and the Jersey shore. The ground slopes from the house which overlooks the farm, and is approached by avenues of butternut and poplar trees. It has pear and cherry trees, and one thousand two hundred peach trees transplanted from Prince's nursery. Enquire of Rev. Dr. Beach, New York, or Rev. Mr. Rattoone on the premises.

1802, *May 26*.—Jacob Savanah was drowned on a back in Hog Island inlet, south side of Hempstead.

1802, *June 29*.—A handsome coachee, with steel springs and four horses, will leave Jacob Hicks', Brooklyn, at two P. M., Tuesdays and Saturdays, stop to refresh at Hewlett Creed's, Jamaica, and arrive early in the evening at Whitehead Cornwell's, Far Rockaway. It will return on Mondays at six A. M., and Friday's at one P. M. Fare 10s.

N. B.—W. C. has fitted up his house for private parties and single gentlemen.

1802, *July 5*.—Jeremiah Vanderbilt and Henry Mott run a neat coachee with steel springs, and four horses, from Far Rockaway, on Monday, at six A. M., and Fridays at one P. M., for Brooklyn ferry, stop to refresh at Creed & Mills' tavern Jamaica; and return from Selah Smith's, Tuesdays and Saturdays, at two P. M. After August 1st the stages will run three times a week.

J. V.'s house is now open for the reception of boarders.

1802, *Aug. 10*.—Wilmot Smith was accidentally drowned in Jamaica Bay.

1802, *Aug. 28*.—There was a severe thunder gust in the west part of Queens County. The barns of widow Johnson, at Jamaica, and of Hezekiah Field, Newtown, were struck and consumed. The barn, wagon-house and two wagons of widow Van Duyn, of New Utrecht, were also destroyed.

1802, *Oct.*—Bernardus Bloom drives the Flushing stage three times a week to Brooklyn. Fare fifty cents. Leaves John Bradwell's at eight o'clock A. M., and Jacob Hicks', Brooklyn, at three P. M. A bag for letters is hung up at Abraham Duryea's, 167 Flymarket, New York.

1803, *March 25*.—John Hudson, of Flushing, was accidentally drowned, as it seemed.

1803, *April 14*.—Yesterday morning, at eleven o'clock, the barn of Mr. John Moore, at Hempstead,

was discovered to be on fire from a cask of unslacked lime. The wind blowing very fresh from the southward it communicated to the barn of Mr. Abraham Bedell, and thence to the Presbyterian church, all which were entirely consumed together with two of Mr. Moore's horses.—*Mér. Adv.*

1803, *June 10*.—Benj. Tredwell, of Hempstead, while crossing a mill-flue, fell in and being alone was drowned.

1803, *June 18*.—Samuel Hanley, of Hempstead, was accidentally drowned while fishing with an eel-net in the South Bay.

1804, *Jan. 18*.—For sale, a middle-aged negro woman, brought up in the country, who is of an uncommonly fine temper for one of her color. Having lately become discontented with her present situation is the sole cause of her being offered for sale. Apply to George Odwise, Jr., Jamaica.

1804, *Jan. 27*.—Several mad dogs have been seen during the last seven days in the neighborhood of Musqueto Cove and Cedar Swamp, which have bitten one or two persons and a number of cattle, hogs, &c. Some of which have died of hydrophobia; others, are killed and it is suspected brought to the New York market for sale.—*Eve. Post.*

1804, *March 2*.—Susan Brackett, Hempstead, was frozen to death while going across the bay in a boat.

1804, *June 16*.—James Mott, of Hempstead, by accident fell in Jamaica bay and was drowned.

1804, *April 14*.—At an adjourned meeting of Republican delegates from all the towns of Queens County, at the Court House, Judge Schenck, Chairman, and Isaac T. Reeve, Secretary, Morgan Lewis, was nominated for Governor and Samuel Riker for Congress. Isaac T. Reeve, Col. Jacob S. Jackson, Jacob Carpenter and James Mitchell were appointed to communicate the proceedings to Suffolk county and to stand as a committee of said county. The meek and unostentatious Cary Dunn appeared in the interest of Col. Burr but he and his associates were requested to withdraw.—*Amer. Citizen.*

1804, *April 14*.—J. P. Utten offers for sale his farm of four hundred and thirty-one acres, called Hyde Park, for many years the residence of Charles Moulton. The grounds are laid out in an unusual style of beauty and elegance, and it has more the appearance of an European seat than any in this country. There is an abundance of common game and it is contiguous to the plover, and not very distant from the grouse and deer grounds. On it is a house fifty-two by thirty-six feet, a green-house with orange trees and various other exotics, a summer-house, two farm-houses, a barn, two hay-barracks, stabling for twenty horses and cattle, a cattle-shed, coach-house, pig and fowl-house, cider-house and press, a garden, asparagus-beds, fruit trees and flowers roots, fifteen or twenty

acres of orcharding of peaches, cherries, apples, pears and every other fruit selected from Europe, and the best nurseries here.—*Eve. Post.*

1804, *July 2*.—Jeremiah Vanderbilt and Thomas Cornell run a neat coachee with steel springs and four horses, from Far Rockaway to Brooklyn ferry. J. V. thanks his customers for the very liberal favors conferred on him from year to year, which have induced him to make still further improvements. His house is a pleasant and healthy situation, is one hundred feet in front, with apartments for separate lodgings, and an airy dining room twenty by thirty-six feet, with six large windows. He has laid in a good stock of liquors of the first quality.

1804, *Sept. 17*.—Died, early this morning, the Rev. Henry Van Dyck, aged sixty, one of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal church, and formerly rector of St. James church, Newtown. He was possessed of an affectionate heart and excellent understanding. He discharged with zeal, fidelity and ability, the duties of his calling. In private life he was esteemed by all to whom he was known. Funeral this afternoon, at five o'clock, from his house, No. 4 Cedar Street, New York, where his friends and acquaintance are invited to attend.—*Eve. Post.*

1804, *Sept. 19*.—Joshua Sands and James Cornwall offer for sale the farm of the late Colonel Lewis Cornwall, containing three hundred acres, called Spring Hill, at the head of Flushing Bay, with fine timber, fresh and salt meadow. The mansion has a view of the bay and sound.—*Eve. Post.*

1804, *Sept. 25*.—For sale, by Benjamin Prince, Flushing, one hundred barrels of choice Newtown pippin apples now fit to be put up so as to be sent with safety to the Southern States, West Indies or Europe. Warranted sound and unbruised.

1802 *April 20*.—At a Republican meeting of the committees from the different towns of Queens county, at the Court House, Benj. Coe, Chairman, and Wm. I. Vredenburg, Secretary, it was agreed that Gen. John Smith should be supported for Congress, John Schenck for the Senate and Robt. Moore,\* Abm. Monfort and Henry O. Seaman for the Assembly.—*Amer. Citizen.*

1804, *Dec. 24*.—About four o'clock this morning the house of Jeffrey Smith, Beaver Pond, Jamaica, took fire accidentally (by a spark from the hearth as is supposed) and spread so rapidly before it was discovered that the house was enveloped in flames before any soul had made their escape. A little boy and girl, however, had just time to escape by leaping through the smoke from a window and ran to a neighbor's. Before assistance could come all

was over. Mrs. S. with three children, who all slept in the same bed with her, was burnt to death and lay buried in the ruins. The husband and father of the woman had left home the preceding evening to be early in Fly Market.

1805, *July 1*.—John Mott and Jeremiah Vanderbilt\* have erected a new stage, with four horses, which will accommodate eleven passengers. It will run twice a week from Far Rockaway to Brooklyn. Their respective houses, which are large and airy, command a beautiful prospect of the ocean, and are now ready for company.

1805, *Nov. 6*.—Elisha Blossom launched a ship from his ship-yard inside of Plum Beach, Manhasset, where Walter Cornwell now lives.—*Ed.*

1800-06.—The Auroran Association of North Hempstead met at the school-house, Flower Hill, Saturday evenings for mutual improvement, by reading and debating. The President was John Kissam and the Secretary Singleton Mitchell.—The other members were:

Geo. Baker,  
Isaac Bogart,  
John Burtis,  
Abm. Brinckerhoff,  
Richardson Cornell,  
Isaac Dodge,  
Wm. Dodge,  
Obadiah Demilt,  
Harry Demilt,  
Peter Demilt,  
Lewis S. Hewlett,  
James Hewlett,  
Daniel Hoogland,  
Andries Hegeman, jr.  
Peter Hegeman,  
Elbert Hegeman,  
James Mitchell,

Peter Onderdonk,  
Minne Onderdonk,  
Lott Onderdonk,  
Joseph Onderdonk,  
Daniel Rapelye,  
Benj. Sands,  
Wm. Sands,  
Geo. G. Sands,  
Ray Sands,  
Obadiah Sands,  
Geo. Seaman,  
John W. Seaman,  
Minne Schenck,  
Morris Salt,  
John M. Smith,  
John B. Thorp.

1806, *Jan. 9*.—One day this week, Thorne's Mills at Musquito Cove, took fire by the friction of the machinery and were totally consumed together with a vessel lying at the Mills. Ten thousand bushels of grain and a large quantity of flour were destroyed.—*N. Y. Paper.*

*To whom it may concern.*—Whereas application hath this day been made to us, Benjamin Tredwell and Lott Onderdonk, Overseers of the poor of the town of North Hempstead, by Joseph Onderdonk, of the same place to have his negro slave named Mike manumitted and set free, we do hereby certify that we have made enquiry in the premises and believe the said slave is under the age of fifty years and of sufficient ability to provide for himself and we approve that he be manumitted and set free. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1806. Benjamin Treadwell, Lott Onderdonk, Overseers of the poor.

This is to certify that I manumit and set free my male slave named Mike, as the statute of this state requires. JOSEPH ONDERDONK.

\*Major Moore of Newtown, was defeated by Stephen Carman, who was a standing candidate for the Assembly from Hempstead from 1788 to 1819, and was elected twenty-one times.—*Ed.*

\*Mr. Vanderbilt died May 4, 1807.

1806, May 10.—Vote of Queens county for Senators and Members of Assembly:

|                       | N. Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Newtown. | Hempstead. | Oysterbay. | Flushing. | Total. |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| <i>Senate.</i>        |               |          |          |            |            |           |        |
| Benj. Coe, Rep.*      | 18            | 107      | 106      | 115        | 51         | 47        | 444    |
| John D. Ditmars Rep.† | 38            | 79       | 5        | 21         | 11         | 9         | 163    |
| Samuel Jones, Fed.    | 64            | 44       | 36       | 164        | 101        | 27        | 436    |
| <i>Ass. Rep.</i>      |               |          |          |            |            |           |        |
| John W. Seaman*       | 109           | 123      | 127      | 73         | 74         | 118       | 624    |
| Isaac Lefferts,       | 56            | 142      | 127      | 141        | 58         | 72        | 596    |
| William Mott,*        | 10            | 119      | 123      | 250        | 58         | 70        | 630    |
| <i>Ass. Rep.</i>      |               |          |          |            |            |           |        |
| Stephen Carman,*      | 77            | 59       | 37       | 342        | 70         | 42        | 627    |
| Wm. Townsend,         | 82            | 17       | 29       | 157        | 188        | 44        | 517    |

\*Elected.

†This was a second republican nomination. The party was split by the dissensions of Governor Lewis and De Witt Clinton.—*Hammond's New York*, I. 235.

1806, June 9.—Hamilton Hall, situated at the pleasant and healthy village of Flushing. In this academy are taught, the Greek, Latin, French and English languages; and German and Hebrew, if required, also the various branches of Mathematics, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English grammar, Book-keeping agreeable to the newest principles, Geography and use of the globes. The most approved plans of education are pursued under the direction of a capable and approved teacher. The trustees visit and examine the school at stated times. Board and tuition reasonable. Communication with New York daily by stage and sloop.—Attention paid to the health and morals of young persons sent for education. Foreigners, who wish their children taught English, will be well satisfied with the Principal, who has been regularly educated in the university of Gottingen. The trustees are William Prince, Thomas Philips, David Gardener, Samuel H. Van Wyck and Daniel Bloodgood.

1806, Aug. 12.—Yesterday a match for \$500 was made on two gentlemen against time to walk from Betts' tavern in Jamaica to Tyler's at Rockaway, a distance of eighteen miles, and won with ease. They performed it in three hours, forty minutes, being twenty minutes within time.—*Even. Post*.

1806, Oct. 1.—At a meeting of the practitioners of Physic and Surgery at the Court House, Henry Mott Chairman and Thomas Cock, Secretary, the following officers were chosen by ballot: Daniel Menema, *President*; Henry Mott, *Vice President*; Thomas Cock, *Secretary*; James Searing, *Treasurer*; Gilbert Smith, Isaac Straw, Nathan Shelton, Austin Chapman and Ebenezer Lockwood, *Censors*; Henry Mott, *Delegate*. The Annual meeting will be held the first Monday in June. Drs. Smith, Shelton and Straw were appointed a committee to form by-laws to be produced at the next meeting.

1806, Oct. 10.—Died at Plandome, aged 60, of

an apoplectic fit, Mary Latham relict of the late Robert Mitchell and mother of Dr. S. L. Mitchell, Senator to the United States. She was an excellent parent, and was interred in the Friends' burial ground at Cow Neck, near her venerable grandfather, Joseph Latham, who near a century ago gave the land for the purpose of a Meeting house and cemetery to that Society.

1806, Nov. 30.—Elizabeth Dennis, Oysterbay, was accidentally shot in the head by a gun in the hands of Mr. Still, who was in her company, at Samuel Minor's, whereof she died instantly.

1807, Feb. 23.—On Friday at five P. M. a large boat of the old ferry Brooklyn, laden with flour, which was stowed too much in her bows sunk in the middle of the river, with six persons on board who were picked up by boats which went off to their assistance.\*

1807, March 14.—D. R. F. Jones of Queens and Samuel Bishop, of Suffolk, are appointed to aid and assist stranded vessels.

1807, April 1.—Benjamin Barnes Mott, a shoemaker, living at the landing, west side of Manhas-set valley, in a drunken quarrel beat his wife Sarah so that she died April 3rd, of a wound on her head. Peter Willis sat by the fireside and told Benjamin he had not given her half enough. They were tried, June 25th, for manslaughter and sent to the states prison, Benjamin for fourteen years and Peter, as accessory, for three years. Barnes was pardoned May 22, 1810.—*Ed.*

1807, April 6.—James Bloodgood at his nursery Flushing, has for sale English and French cherry trees, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, pears, apples, quinces, almonds, Madeira nuts, black walnut, Lombardy poplars, weeping willows, currants raspberry, gooseberry, strawberry, lilac, honeysuckles, and roses, with an assortment of flowering shrubs. They will be put up so as to go to any part of Europe or America.

1807, April 28.—John Wood, of Flushing, was drowned accidentally as it appeared.

1807, May 3.—Died at Flushing, Colonel Isaac Corsa, in the eightieth year of his age, an old and respectable inhabitant of New York. He was truly a charitable christian, and an honest, upright and benevolent man. See Riker's Newtown.—*Ed.*

1807, May 22.—Joseph Tyler respectfully informs the public and his friends in particular that his house at Far Rockaway is ready for their reception and accommodation. The best wines, (particularly champaign and Madeira) and other liquors of the first quality. Likewise good stabling.

\*John Simonsen, of Hempstead, since Sheriff was in another ferry boat crossing the river at the time and when he saw the accident he seized the helm from the ferryman, and steered directly through the midst of the floating passengers and barrels and rescued among others Samuel Jackson and Newbury Hewlett from a watery grave.—*Ed.*

1807, May 2.—Vote of Queens county for Governor, Senate (in part), and Assembly.

|                     | Oysterbay. | N. Hempstead. | Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Newtown. | Flushing. | Total. |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| <i>Governor.</i>    |            |               |            |          |          |           |        |
| Tompkins, Rep.      | 155        | 74            | 185        | 148      | 146      | 65        | 773    |
| Lewis, Fed.         | 110        | 82            | 153        | 42       | 64       | 71        | 522    |
| <i>Senate</i>       |            |               |            |          |          |           |        |
| DeWitt Clinton Rep. | 150        | 70            | 160        | 137      | 128      | 65        | 710    |
| Samuel Jones, Fed.  | 103        | 85            | 167        | 42       | 67       | 67        | 531    |
| <i>Ass. Rep.</i>    |            |               |            |          |          |           |        |
| John W. Seaman,     | - 189      | 112           | 120        | 156      | 170      | 95        | 842    |
| H. O. Seaman,       | - 208      | 95            | 280        | 163      | 168      | 94        | 1008   |
| Jacobus Monfort,    | - 209      | 100           | 140        | 172      | 169      | 92        | 884    |
| <i>Ass. Fed.</i>    |            |               |            |          |          |           |        |
| Stephen Carman,     | - 132      | 100           | 320        | 35       | 74       | 90        | 751    |
| Wm. Townsend,       | . 207      | 107           | 162        | 48       | 76       | 92        | 692    |

Our friends in Queens have exceeded our expectations. They have done themselves honor, and their country great service. The Republican assembly ticket has succeeded by an immense majority. Carman who represented the county last year in the Assembly, our friends have very properly ordered to stay at home.—*Amer. Citizen*.

1807, Oct. 10.—Jordan Hall, Oysterbay, fell in the water accidentally and was drowned.

1807, Dec. 12.—A Mr. Erwin, at Cow Neck, shot himself.

1808, Feb. 20.—Amos Dickenson, Oysterbay, accidentally fell out of a boat and was drowned.

1808, Feb. 20.—John Bennet, Cow Neck, was drowned.

1808, March 19.—John Nostrand, and six hundred others, pray the Legislature that as the Court House now needs some repairs, a new one may be erected in Hempstead, which is populous, central, well-watered, and has houses of entertainment. In the present situation are a scarcity of buildings and a want of accommodation for man and beast, in stormy weather.—*Ass. Jour.*

1808.—At a large and respectable meeting of the Republican electors of Queens County, at the Court House, April 19th, John Schenck, Chairman, and Singleton Mitchell, Secretary, John W. Seaman was nominated for Congress; Benjamin Coe, for Senator, and Jacobus Monfort, William Mott and Isaac Lefferts, for Assembly.

The Federalists elected their members, viz: Stephen Carman, Daniel Kissam and William Townsend; whereat the Republican organ, the *American Citizen*, thus expresses itself:

The counties of Kings and Queens are gone—for the present, defunct. This aberration from the cause is extremely regretted by its friends in New York. To lose reputation is to lose everything. The cause is known and we are assured that the triumph of Federalism is but momentary. Divide and conquer is the motto of our opponents. Can it be believed that, contemning everything Federal, the Republicans of Queens and Kings Counties have adopted it? They have been divided and ingloriously beaten.

1808, May 30.—Benjamin Seaman, *alias* Tuin, a negro living near Jerusalem, being in liquor, called at the house of Adam Gordon (colored), while he was absent working for Jacob Mills, and asked his wife to quit Adam and live with him. Adam soon heard of this and went to Ben's to demand an explanation. Ben rose from his seat and seizing a corn-hoe, standing at the door, struck Adam a blow that cut through his hat and broke his skull. Adam fell, rose to grapple with his assailant, and then fainted. His wife, on hearing of the quarrel, went to look after her husband, and found him sitting against a tree in the shade and led him home. He died the next night. Ben was tried, June 23d, and hanged, September 8th, in a hollow on the Plains, south-east of the Court House.—*Ed.*

1808, July 5.—William Taylor was accidentally drowned at Far Rockaway beach. His body was taken up there and conveyed to Jamaica, where an inquest was held.

1808, Aug 19.—A treasure was found in Newtown by a schoolboy, John, infant son of Daniel Riker. It was a bag of gold, valued at \$840, which had belonged to John Kearns, a schoolmaster, and was hid during the Revolution. See *Riker's Newtown*, p. 148.—*Ed.*

Names of persons, either pewholders or who contributed to the support of Grace Church, Jamaica, from 1803 to 1809:

|                      |      |                     |      |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Mary Austin,         | 1807 | Caleb Mills,        | 1803 |
| Jacob Bedell,*       |      | Peter Mills,        | 1808 |
| Thomas Betts,        | 1802 | Mills & Creed,      | 1802 |
| Richard Betts,       | 1802 | James Morrell,      | 1802 |
| Cornelius I. Bogart, | 1808 | Joseph Morris,      | 1802 |
| Mrs. Eliza Brewer,   | 1802 | Dr. Daniel Menema,  | 1802 |
| Josiah Brown,        | 1802 | George Nafis,       | 1808 |
| Samuel Carman,       | 1809 | Andrew Napier,      | 1807 |
| George Codwise, jr., | 1802 | Timothy Nostrand,   | 1806 |
| Peter Cortelyou,     | 1802 | Joseph Oldfield,    | 1802 |
| Aaron Cortelyou,     | 1807 | Edward Parker,      | 1807 |
| Creed & Mills,       | 1809 | William Puntine,    | 1802 |
| Mr. Clarke,          | 1806 | Abraham Polhemus,   | 1802 |
| Henry Cruger, Esq.,  | 1807 | Johannes Polhemus,  | 1807 |
| Horace Dayton,       | 1802 | Frederick Polhemus, | 1809 |
| Mrs. J. Depeyster,   | 1802 | Joseph Roe,         | 1802 |
| Mark Dissosway,†     | 1802 | Lawrence Roe,       | 1802 |
| Eliza Dunbar‡        | 1809 | Benjamin Rowland,   | 1802 |
| John Dunn,           | 1802 | David Rowland,      | 1802 |

\*Bedell was clerk of the church.

†Dissosway was father and chief patron of the Methodist church, Jamaica. His hospitality was unbounded. Sometimes nine horses at once stood in his stable whose riders (itinerant ministers) sat at his table.

‡It was at the widow Dunbar's that the Rev. Timothy Clowes boarded, and contracted a matrimonial engagement with her daughter, Mary, which was subsequently broken off by mutual agreement. The people would not let the matter drop thus, but took sides for and against their minister. Mr. Clowes having allowed some disparaging remarks to escape his lips, Miss Dunbar, at the instigation of her friends, brought suit against him in the Supreme Court, New York, Oct. 30th, 1810, by her attorney, Martin S. Wilkins. The ablest counsel were employed on both sides, and the jury rendered a verdict, May 4th, 1812 of \$4,000 damages, and six cents costs. Meantime Mr. Clowes had accepted a call to St. Peter's Church, Albany.

|                        |      |                     |      |
|------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Cary Dunn, Jr., Esq.,  | 1809 | Mrs. Ann Scriba,    | 1809 |
| L. E. A. Eigenbrodt,   | 1802 | Joseph Seely,       | 1807 |
| Samuel Eldert,*        | 1802 | William A. Sale,    | 1808 |
| Mrs. Finglass,         | 1802 | Augustus Sackett,   | 1811 |
| Charles Faier,         | 1808 | James Sproule,      | 1809 |
| Samuel Greenoak,       | 1802 | Dr. Nathan Shelton, | 1807 |
| Archibald Gracie,      | 1809 | John Skidmore,      | 1802 |
| Thomas Greswold,       | 1806 | Willett Skidmore,   | 1802 |
| Captain Hall,          | 1809 | Jeremiah Simonson,  | 1802 |
| Mrs. Harrison,         | 1802 | Smith & Hinchman,   | 1807 |
| Urias Hendrickson,     | 1802 | Christopher Smith,  | 1802 |
| John Hewlett, jr.,     | 1802 | Hester P. Smith,    | 1807 |
| Stepher Hicks,         | 1802 | Katharine Smith,    | 1807 |
| Hinchman & Smith       | 1802 | John Thatford,      | 1802 |
| Rachel Hinchman,       | 1802 | Joseph Thatford,    | 1802 |
| John Hinchman,         | 1803 | Lucretia Tibbals,   | 1809 |
| Sally Hinchman,        | 1803 | John Troup,         | 1802 |
| William H. Hitchcock,  | 1808 | Mrs. Underhill,     | 1802 |
| Dr. D. M. Hitchcock,   | 1809 | Richard Van Dam,    | 1802 |
| John Hoogland,         | 1809 | Mrs. Van Liew,      | 1803 |
| Jonathan Jones,        | 1802 | John Van Liew,      | 1808 |
| Rufus King,            | 1806 | John Van Nostrand,  | 1802 |
| Daniel Kissam,         | 1802 | Aaron Van Nostrand, | 1803 |
| Benjamin T. Kissam,    | 1802 | Jeremiah Valentine, | 1802 |
| Sarah Latting,†        | 1803 | Mrs. James Waters,  | 1802 |
| James Lawrence,        | 1802 | John Waters,        | 1808 |
| Obadiah Leech,         | 1803 | Miss Woodendale,§   | 1802 |
| Abraham Leech,         | 1808 | John W. Welling,    | 1802 |
| Major Charles McNeil,  | 1802 | Samuel Welling,     | 1802 |
| Captain John Mottley,‡ | 1802 | Thomas Welling,     | 1802 |
| James Mackerel, jr.,   | 1802 | Richard Wiggins,    | 1802 |
| James Mackerel,        | 1802 | Elizabeth Wilson,   | 1811 |
| Miss Elcie Martin,     | 1802 |                     |      |

1808, Dec. 29.—Nicholas Wykoff was Chairman, and Daniel Ludlum, Secretary, of a meeting of the inhabitants of Kings and Queens Counties, at the house of George Carpenter, Jamaica, who were opposed to making a turnpike from Jamaica to Brooklyn.

1809, March 1.—Mrs. Joanna Hinchman, Jamaica, was choked by a bone of a beef-steak, from the effects of which she died.

1809, April 1.—David Plummer, while gunning on Plum Beach, Manhasset, shot himself.

1809.—Brooklyn, Jamaica and Flatbush Turnpike.—Books for subscription will be opened April 10th, at the inn of Benjamin Smith, Brooklyn; at the inn of John Schoonmaker, Flatbush; at the inn of Daniel Voorhees, Bedford; at the inn of Abraham Bedell, Hempstead; at the inn of Platt Carl, Suffolk County; at the inn of Isaac Platt, Jamaica. The Commissioners are; William Furman, John C. Vanderveer, Lambert Suydam, George Codwise, Jr., Eliphalet Wickes, John D. Ditmis.

1809, May.—Vote of Queens County for three Members of Assembly:

\*She was widow of a sea-captain.

†Or Laton. She was born Rapelye.

‡He had been engaged in the southern coasting trade, and latterly was a merchant in New York.

||He was sexton of the church and has left a record from 1773 to 1820 of the interments in the church yard, where he himself was buried, January 23d, 1822, at the age of eighty-four.

§She kept a boarding and day school in Jamaica, but removed to Brooklyn in May, 1804.

|                    | Republican. |         |         | Federal. |         |           |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
|                    | Monfort,    | Pettit, | Seaman, | Curran,  | Kissam, | Townsend, |
| Jamaica. . . . .   | 156         | 155     | 158     | 85       | 85      | 83        |
| Flushing,* . . . . | 79          | 78      | 78      | 92       | 92      | 92        |
| Newtown, . . . .   | 180         | 178     | 178     | 93       | 99      | 96        |
| Oysterbay. . . . . | 181         | 172     | 176     | 335      | 339     | 341       |
| North Hempstead, . | 129         | 125     | 131     | 162      | 167     | 165       |
| Hempstead, . . . . | 164         | 218     | 246     | 421      | 401     | 395       |
|                    | 989         | 926     | 967     | 1188     | 1183    | 1173      |

1809, June 22.—Rhoda Seaman, Oysterbay, sued Simeon Searing, in the Queens County Court, for a breach of promise, and recovered six cents damages. Issue was joined June 12th, 1807.

1809, July 6.—Polly, daughter of John Platt, while crossing the Big Mill dam, Cowbay, fell off and was drowned.

1809.—James Titus, of Newtown, died, August 24th, from a blow, received two days before, on the right side. Six minutes before his death, he said it was by an oar in the hands of John Harper, at the South Bay landing, whither they had gone to get clams. Harper had previously loosened two of his teeth by throwing a clam-shell in his face, and had also had him down in the water.

1809, Nov. 14.—Jacob Verity, for larceny, is sentenced, by the Queens County Court, to receive thirty-nine lashes to-morrow, at ten o'clock.—*Court Minutes.*

1810, Jan. 20.—Dr. Daniel Menema, of Jamaica, aged fifty-six, died at seven in the morning, and Joseph Morris, the barber and hair-dresser, (whose wife cooked and washed for the doctor) died at seven in the evening. The next Sunday after the burial of the above, and Mr. Gracy's child, Daniel, the Rev. Mr. Faltoute preached from Is. 38; 1: "Set thine house in order, &c."

Dr. Menema was surgeon of the Second New York Regiment in the Revolutionary war, and a member of the Cincinnati. He was a large, handsome man and proud of his person. He was reputed an able physician and said to be kind and liberal to the poor. Dr. Shelton succeeded to his practice.—*Ed.*

1810, Feb. 5.—Between two and three o'clock,

\*In Flushing the Democratic party made the greatest efforts for several weeks before the election to gain the majority. The most base and unfair means were made use of by their leaders. Judge Wykoff, a French tory, spread through every part of the township, the most infamous handbills. Still the Federal party prevailed and gave their candidates a handsome majority.

It would be well if all those pretending to be "Democrats" could offer so conclusive a proof of their own "Democracy," as is furnished in the above official returns. Unfortunately, however, many of those exclusive patriots were at that period on the adverse party, some individuals of which actually employed an honest blacksmith to spike a cannon, brought up to Flushing by this identical John Wykoff to celebrate the inauguration of President Jefferson.—*N. Y. Paper.*

P. M., a fire broke out in the paper mill of Richard Kirk, of Hempstead Harbor, [now Bryant's] and, notwithstanding the exertions of the neighbors, the whole building was entirely destroyed.—*Eve. Post.*

1810, *March 23.*—*Democratic Justice.*—In Queens County, a few weeks since, a Mr. Milne, of Oysterbay, a manufacturer of woolen cloths, and a Federalist; and John Wykoff, of Flushing, (one of the County Judges and a redoubtable Democrat) were competitors. Although the piece exhibited by his *Honor* bore no comparison with Milne's, yet a majority of the judges on some frivolous objection of the latter having been failed and dressed out of the county, adjudged the bounty to Wykoff, notwithstanding that his cloth was deficient in the width required by law.—*N. Y. Paper.*

1810, *April 14.*—Robert Hutchinson was found lying dead on the east side shore of Cow Neck, having been accidentally drowned, as was thought.

1810, *June 12.*—Jacob Hendrickson, for larceny, is sentenced, by the County Court, to receive thirty-nine lashes immediately.

1810, *June 27.*—Abraham Ludlam, Newtown, was accidentally drowned.

1810, *July 6.*—Hendrick Goëlet, Newtown, was accidentally drowned.

1810, *Aug. 25.*—On Wednesday, as Samuel Lawrence, of Newtown, was coming to the city in a small boat he approached too near the Hancock rock, struck the reef and was swept from his boat by the violence of the tide. He was taken up a few moments after and the customary means of restoration were used without avail. His servant clung to the boat and was saved.

1810, *Sept. 3.*—P. L. Turquand and Matthew Chichester have taken charge of the school adjoining the Episcopal Church, in the village of Newtown, where they profess to teach the French and English languages, arithmetic, mathematics, navigation, mensuration, surveying, geography, with use of globes, bookkeeping; writing, plain and ornamental. Board may be had in respectable families. The Trustees are: Rev. A. L. Clark, Timothy Roach, John Rapelye, Aaron Furman.

1810, *Dec. 25.*—Increase, son of George Carpenter, was kicked by a horse so that the skull-bone was laid bare about the size of a tea-cup.

1811, *March 1.*—Owing to the inclement days lately experienced, the price of wood is higher in New York than ever known before. Hickory sells from \$12 to \$13 a carman load, which is one third of a cord.\*—*Eve Post.*

1811.—Vote of Queens County for three members of Assembly, April 30th :

\*January 15th, 1805, hickory sold at the wood yards for \$21 a cord. A countryman asked even \$8 for a load; and April 2, 1807, oak wood sold at \$5 per load, almost every house being without.—*Eve. Post.*

|                      | Republican. |        |         |               | Federal.        |                |             |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
|                      | Townsend.   | George | Seaman. | H. O. Wykoff. | Stephen Carman. | Daniel Kissam. | John Fleet. |
| Oysterbay, - - -     | 165         | 140    | 139     | 324           | 325             | 324            |             |
| Newtown, - - -       | 123         | 112    | 112     | 84            | 84              | 85             |             |
| North Hempstead, - - | 113         | 113    | 111     | 132           | 137             | 135            |             |
| Hempstead, - - -     | 195         | 233    | 214     | 424           | 411             | 400            |             |
| Jamaica, - - -       | 163         | 161    | 163     | 85            | 91              | 90             |             |
| Flushing, - - -      | 74          | 69     | 83      | 83            | 93              | 87             |             |
|                      | 833         | 828    | 822     | 1132          | 1141            | 1121           |             |

We are disappointed in the result of the election. It is to be feared that DeWitt Clinton\* is destined by the fates to rule our councils with greater effect than ever. We shall not, however, despair of the republic. We shall persevere in our exertions and not relinquish our opposition to domestic tyranny.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1810, *July 28.*—The site of the first Methodist Church, Jamaica, was the free gift of Israel Disosway or his sister; at the raising of which a serious accident occurred. All the frame had been erected except the rafters, and instead of erecting these two by two, they were first all piled together on the beams of the newly erected frame, which broke down under the superincumbent weight and severely injured Smith Hicks and Joseph Dunbar.†

1811, *June 14.*—Anthony Casper, a white child, at Newtown, was accidentally drowned, as it appeared.

1811, *Dec. 23.*—On Monday night there was a tremendous snow storm and gale. Many vessels in the Sound were driven on the Long Island shore.

1812.—Jamaica, Jan. 24.—Yesterday morning, at a quarter past nine, a shock of an earthquake was severely felt in this village. Everything suspended in my store was set in motion for more than a minute. The motion was a steady swinging backwards and forwards. The shock was felt by my family and several of my neighbors.—*Cor. of N. Y. Spectator.*

1812, *March 28.*—Peter Hegeman, Manhasset, sells to Elbert Hegeman, his half of their slave, Jesse, for \$32 50.

1812, *April 8.*—Lewis Hewlett, of Queens County, raised an ox which weighed, on the foot, two thousand four hundred and thirty-six pounds.

1812, *May 26.*—Smith Hicks has taken the well known stand at Jamaica, opposite the Episcopal Church, for many years kept as an inn by Messrs. Bardin, Waters, and Battin, successively.

\*Clinton was chosen Lieutenant Governor.—*Hammond*, I; 291.

†Captain Thomas Webb, the principal founder of the American Methodist church, came to Jamaica, where his wife's kindred lived, some time before the Revolution, hired a house and preached in it, and "twenty-four persons received justifying grace."—*Stevens' History.*

He has laid in a stock of the best liquors\* and is provided with every article of accommodation suited to the whim of the most capricious traveler. The frequenters of Rockaway will find here a convenient resting place for themselves and horses.

1812, May.—Vote of Queens County for Senators (in part), and three Members of Assembly.†

|               | ASSEMBLY. |             |         | SENATE.       |               |     |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------------|-----|
|               | Federal.  | Republican. |         | Fed.          | Rep.          |     |
|               | Kissam.   | J. Fleet.   | Layton. | Joseph Jones. | Robert Moore. |     |
| N. Hempstead, | 130       | 125         | 128     | 115           | 107           | 103 |
| Jamaica,      | 87        | 82          | 87      | 123           | 128           | 127 |
| Flushing,     | 105       | 101         | 103     | 68            | 67            | 69  |
| Oysterbay,    | 319       | 316         | 314     | 95            | 96            | 97  |
| Hempstead, ‡  | 403       | 419         | 394     | 181           | 207           | 214 |
| Newtown,      | 77        | 77          | 79      | 105           | 103           | 105 |
|               | 1121      | 1120        | 1105    | 687           | 908           | 715 |
|               |           |             |         | 791           | 153           |     |

1812, Nov. 1.—A meeting was held at William and Dobson Allen's inn, Manhasset, to consider the propriety of erecting a Reformed Dutch church, and subscription papers were handed around. The church was dedicated Christmas, 1816, by the Rev. D. S. Bogart.

1812, Dec. 1.—Benjamin Sands sells his grist-mill, at Manhasset, to Andrew Onderdonk and Daniel Hoogland, for the purpose of a cotton-factory.

1812, June 13.—*Rockaway Stages*.—Thomas Barwise, Brooklyn, will run a new line, with four horses. Fare, \$1 25.

1812.—Selah Smith, of Brooklyn, and Smith Hicks, will start, August 3d, a new line of stages from Brooklyn to Rockaway and back, the same day, performing the whole in the short space of thirteen hours. Breakfast on the table at Smith Hicks', Jamaica, while the horses are changing, and dinner at Silas Hicks', Rockaway. Fare, \$1.

1812, Oct. 13.—The market-boat *Little Trimmer*, Captain Abraham Brinckerhoff, from New York to Cow Bay, being too heavily loaded with brick, as she was putting about, run under water and sunk, off Plum Beach. The passengers and crew escaped in the long boat to Great Neck, except one who swam ashore to Cow Neck. Catharine Onderdonk lost \$80 worth of clothing.

1813.—The dwelling-house of Nathaniel Ludlum, Bog Lots, near Jamaica, was burnt on Thurs-

\*It was customary when a publican got in a new hogs-head of rum to invite all his customers to try it. After they had tasted, interchanged opinions and pronounced it good (as they usually did) that hogshead had a ready sale.—*Ed.*

†There was a split in the Republican party, and Major Moore, of Newtown, was nominated by the "Quids" or Martling Junto, who held a meeting at the Court House, April 6th, John Schenck being Chairman, and Robert Townsend, Secretary. Andrew Onderdonk was sent as messenger with the nomination to Suffolk County.—*Ed.*

day night; January 7th, with its contents. The family barely escaped.—*L. I. Star.*

1813.—They began to pull down the old stone church that stood in the middle of the Main Street, Jamaica, May 24th. After the rubbish was removed the ground under the church, and especially in front of the pulpit, was dug up and the remains of those who had been buried there, were gathered up, put in a box and conveyed, in procession, headed by the sexton, Jeffrey Smith, to the town cemetery, where they were re-interred.

In olden times it was not unusual to bury the clergy beneath the pulpit, and people of consequence under their pews, while the inferior class was buried without the church. Hence the old epitaph:

Here I lie *outside* the church door,  
Here I lie because I'm poor;  
The further in, the more they pay;  
But here I lie as snug as they.

The Rev. Mr. Poyer in his sermon, in this church, May 10th, 1719, on the death of his wife, Frances, in allusion to burials in the church, says: "and even here, in this church, where we now are, the graves on which some of your feet are, should put us all in mind what we must expect."

A burial in the yard of Grace church cost 12s.; but in the church it was much dearer. Dr. Field, 1781, paid for laying his wife in church, £5; for the grave, £1 4s.; taking up the floor 12s.; for four carriers, £1, 12s.; funeral bell, 3s.; pall, 4s.; in-viting, etc., 18s.

1813.—Caleb Mills, stage driver, Jamaica, was adjusting the head stall on one of his horses, when they started and struck him on the back of the neck with the carriage-tongue, causing a paralysis of the spinal column, whereof he died, September 10th, notwithstanding the skill of Dr. Post, who was sent for from New York.—*Ed.*

1813, Sept. 11.—The flotilla of gunboats, thirty in number, under Commodore Lewis, passed through Hellgate, on Thursday,\* to Sands' Point,† in quest of the British armed vessels that were cruising in Long Island Sound, and annoying our commerce. After maneuvering against a strong tide, they commenced firing at two and a half miles distance. A British frigate, supposed to be the *Acasta*, then drew out with the apparent intention of bringing the United States' flotilla to close action, which the gunboats were obliged to avoid, owing to the wind being too high to admit of fighting to advantage. After exchanging twenty or thirty shots, the flotilla came to anchor, and the frigate joined her consorts. The latest ac-

\*Thursday was appointed as a Fast day by the President.

†Benjamin Hewlett sold the Government, July 15, 1808, five acres of land at Watch or Sands' Point, for a light-house, which was built by Noah Mason. The lantern was ready for the oil by November, 1809, when a festival was held there by the neighbors who were addressed by Dr. S. L. Mitchell.

counts say the enemy have returned to the eastward.†—*N. Y. Museum.*

1813 April.—Vote of Queens county for Governor and Assembly :

|                 | GOVERNOR. |             | ASSEMBLY. |               |             |             |            |                 |             |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                 | Fed. Rep. | Rensselaer. | Federal.  | J. W. Seaman. | J. Monfort. | Republican. | D. Kissam. | Stephen Carman. | John Fleet. |
| Flushing, - -   | 56        | 77          | 85        | 80            | 85          | 106         | 103        | 101             |             |
| Newtown, - -    | 151       | 78          | 173       | 172           | 176         | 87          | 86         | 87              |             |
| Jamaica, - -    | 129       | 83          | 153       | 153           | 153         | 100         | 99         | 99              |             |
| N. Hempstead, - | 75        | 120         | 127       | 126           | 128         | 154         | 151        | 155             |             |
| Hempstead, -    | 124       | 404         | 184       | 201           | 183         | 522         | 520        | 514             |             |
| Oysterbay, -    | 136       | 221         | 201       | 201           | 203         | 375         | 373        | 372             |             |
|                 | 671       | 983         | 923       | 938           | 928         | 1344        | 1332       | 1328            |             |

1813, Nov. 10.—Long Island Sound was declared by the Admiral of the British squadron to be in a state of blockade.

1813, Dec. 9.—Long Island barley sold in New York, at \$1.60 per bushel.

1814.—Those inhabitants of Newtown who prefer the interests of their families and country to the paltry schemes of speculators are requested to meet at Bernard Bloom's Inn, on Friday the 9th of January, to consider the expediency of denying themselves the use of tea and sugar, till the exorbitant prices are reduced.†—*L. I. Star.*

1814, Jan. 12.—Died at Oysterbay after a short illness John Fleet Esq., Member of Assembly, distinguished for his understanding, integrity and usefulness.

1814, Jan. 14.—A majority of the judges of the court of Common Pleas of Queens county, awarded Joseph Onderdonk of Manhasset, a premium of \$35, for the best piece of woolen cloth made in the county, being twenty-five yards in length and three-quarters wide. But as it was made in the factory of Messrs. Jones, Cold Spring, the Legislature by special enactment withheld the award.†—*Ass. Jour.*

1814, Jan. 18.—STAMPS, from five cents to five dollars, for notes to be discounted, may be had at the office of B. F. Thompson, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, at Jamaica.

†Numbers of the people on Cow Neck and vicinity went to Sands' Point to see the action. Captain Mason, keeper of the light-house, told them to scatter themselves, for fear the enemy, mistaking them for a body of armed men, might throw a shot among them.—*Ed.*

†Coffee sold at 23 cents per pound; Hyson tea \$1 94; Souchong \$1 50; Sugar \$22 50 per hundred. The news of peace with Great Britain was received in New York, February 11th, whereupon sugar fell from \$25 per hundred to \$13.

†The Legislature in 1811 authorized the judges of the court of Common Pleas in each county of the state to award premiums (from a fund provided by the state) for the best specimens of woolen cloth made in the family.—This was continued for several years.—*Ed.*

1814, March 8.—At a meeting of delegates from five towns of Queens county at the Court House, Hon. Cary Dunn jr., Chairman and S. Sherman, Secretary, it was resolved unanimously that John Hazard of Jamaica, James Lent of Newtown and Elbert Hegeman, of Oysterbay, represent Queens at Tammany Hall, on the 16th inst., for nominating a Senator and Member of Congress.—*L. I. Star.*

1814.—At a meeting of Republican delegates of the different towns of Queens county, at the Court House, April 13th, William Mott, Chairman and Micajah Townsend, Secretary; it was resolved unanimously that Daniel Bedell of Hempstead, Singleton Mitchell of North Hempstead, and Samuel Sherman of Oysterbay, be nominated as candidates for the Assembly,\*and George Townsend for Congress.

1814, May 14.—Aspinwall Cornell part owner of the sloop *Amelia*, took six hundred or seven hundred bushels of rye on freight to Rhode Island.—John Hegeman (who had just removed to New York from Manhasset) sent also five hundred bushels of rye, and went himself, being out of business. Mark Lynch went as a passenger gratuitously.—Robert G. Cornell and two hands were also on board. As they entered the race, May 16, the tide ebbed and carried them toward Block Island when, they were boarded by a British barge of the Bulwark, ship of war. Beside the rye, there were ten barrels of pork and eighty barrels of flour under the rye. The passengers A. Cornell, Hegeman and Lynch, were put ashore, but the vessel with R. G. Cornell and two hands was sent to Halifax as a prize. A. Cornell, Hegeman and Lynch were arrested, August 8th, for treason and after a tedious imprisonment were tried April 11, 1815, in the United States Circuit Court, before Brockholst Livingston and were acquitted by the jury, without leaving the box, under the charge of the judge, for lack of proof by the prosecution and they were not allowed to enter on a defence.—*N. Y. Commercial.*

1814, Aug. 3.—There were one hundred and twenty loads of fascines (twenty-five bundles each) brought from Jamaica to Brooklyn to aid in the construction of fort Greene. The Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker headed the procession, Mr. Eigenbrodt and the pupils of the Academy assisted the people in cutting the fascines.

1814, Aug. 16.—The boats of the blockading squadron chased a small schooner ashore at Rockaway and set her on fire. Several gentlemen who were there on parties of pleasure, after the boats had left the beach extinguished the fire. Previous to firing her a gentleman went down from the Bath-house with a white flag to ransom the vessel, but was refused. After the enemy left the beach, they fired a number of shots at the persons who were extinguishing the flames.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

\*The Federal candidates, Stephen Carman, Daniel Kissam and Sol. Wooden were elected to the Assembly, as also was Townsend to Congress.

1814, *Sept. 7*.—There are one thousand two hundred of General Johnson's brigade of infantry, from Kings and Queens counties\* now encamped on Fort Greene, Brooklyn.

1814, *Oct. 26*.—The committee of defence understanding that a number of citizens on Long Island are desirous of evincing their devotion to their country, inform them that several thousand fascines are wanted for the construction of Fort Greene, and that patterns are left at Creed's tavern, Jamaica, and at Bloom's, Newtown.

1815, *Jan. 4*.—The hogs of Mr. Peter Hegeman, Cow Neck, lately rooted up a large quantity of gold and silver, at least \$220, which had been buried in the ground since the Revolution, and forgotten.—*L. I. Star*.

1815, *Feb.*—Samuel Youngs of Oysterbay offers for sale a stout able bodied slave, twenty-six years old, now confined in jail for absenting himself from his master's service.

1815, *Feb. 8*.—The elegant house of the late Isaac T. Reeve at Plainville, formerly the property of Colonel Ludlow and anciently the residence of Governor Dongan was burnt on Sunday morning last. The fire caught from an opening of the bricks of the chimney which had just been burned.

1815, *Feb. 22*.—The news of peace was celebrated at Hempstead harbor by firing volleys of musketry at seven A. M. The flags waved all day from the paper mills, factory and shoe-shop of Mr. Daniel Bogart. At noon and evening, salutes were fired by pistols. In the evening the houses were illuminated and appropriate toasts drank at the house of the Rev. David S. Bogart. Jamaica, Flushing and other principal villages on Long Island, were also illuminated.

1815, *March 6*.—E. H. Jones resigns his seat in the Senate. He labors under a stricture of the breast and finds the air of Albany injurious to him.

1815, *March 25*.—Last week Francis Baldwin of Hempstead, fell from the window of the house where he slept in Brooklyn (likely in his sleep) and was killed.

1815, *May*.—Vote of Queens County :

|                        | Jamaica. | Newtown. | Hempstead. | Flushing. | N. Hempstead. | Oysterbay. | Total. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------|
| <i>Senate.</i>         |          |          |            |           |               |            |        |
| Leffert Lefferts, Rep. | 60       | 66       | 317        | 61        | 103           | 183        | 790    |
| Jacob Barker, Dem.     | 115      | 111      | 117        | 44        | 52            | 105        | 544    |
| <i>Assembly.</i>       |          |          |            |           |               |            |        |
| Stephen Carman Fed     | 74       | 70       | 418        | 81        | 113           | 290        | 1046   |
| Daniel Kissam, Fed.    | 75       | 70       | 424        | 83        | 114           | 293        | 1059   |
| William Jones, Fed.    | 77       | 71       | 418        | 82        | 112           | 297        | 1057   |
| Joseph Pettit, Dem.    | 146      | 127      | 175        | 60        | 80            | 165        | 753    |
| John D. Ditmis, Dem.   | 152      | 126      | 163        | 61        | 80            | 165        | 747    |
| Sam'l Sherman, Dem.    | 147      | 127      | 156        | 61        | 80            | 161        | 732    |

\*The Jamaica militia marched to Brooklyn September 2.

1815, *Feb. 16*.—Long Island sound was frozen over at Sand's Point.

1815, *June 29*.—At a meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Grace Church, Jamaica, for the purpose of forming a society to distribute the Bible and common prayer book, after morning prayers, the Rev. Seth Hart was appointed Chairman and F. C. Tucker, Secretary. The following officers were elected: Joshua Sands, President, Stephen Carman and William Jayne, Vice Presidents; Rev. E. M. Johnson, Secretary and John H. Moore, Treasurer. The managers were Judge Selah Strong, John Van Nostrand, Thomas Marston, Timothy Roach, Abraham Snediker, Benjamin Hewlett, F. C. Tucker.

1815.—At a meeting of some of the inhabitants of Long Island, of different religious denominations, held August 1st, pursuant to public notice, at the Court House, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society, Adrain Van Sinderen was appointed Chairman and James Lent Secretary, John Basset, William Boardman, Evan M. Johnson, Jesse Leverich and Charles Wright were appointed a committee to report a constitution, which was agreed to. Revs. Dr. Basset, Amos Bingham, D. S. Bogart, E. M. Johnson, Gilbert H. Sayres, Jacob Schoonmaker; and Messrs. Daniel Bogart, Daniel Brinckerhoff, Joseph Dodge Jr., L. E. A. Eigenbrodt, Thomas F. Fish, Valentine Hicks, Dr. D. M. Hitchcock, Edward Howard, Thomas Lawrence, Jr., James Lent, Jesse Leverich, William Leverich, Edward Leverich, Peter Messerole, Dr. Nathan Shelton, John E. Tompkins, A. Van Sinderen, Eliphalet Wickes and Charles Wright were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions, and report at a meeting to be held the third Wednesday of September.

1815, *Aug. 23*.—A society to suppress vice and intemperance was organized at Oysterbay, July 1st they met at the school house in Jericho, when Charles Jackson was appointed Chairman and Samuel Sherman, Secretary. The Committee to draft a constitution were: Selah S. Carll, Jarvis Frost, Elbert Hegeman, James Hegeman, Valentine Hicks, William Jones, Jesse Merrit, Samuel Sherman, Isaac Smith and Sol. Wooden.

1815, *Sept. 5*.—*Unfortunate Accident*.—This morning, a small Market-boat, in attempting to come to the city from Newtown with ten persons aboard, five women and five men, run athwart a cable of a brig lying at anchor in the stream, upset, and went down; by which accident, one man, Mr. Paul Burtis, and four women, viz: Mrs. Betsey Gray, Mrs. Lane, Miss Snediker and Miss Wade, about 12 years of age, were drowned, Mr. Edsell, the owner of the boat, Mr. Collier, Mrs. Rapelye, and two colored men, were saved, by clinging, some to the cable, and some to the ropes of the brig, till they were taken off. Mrs. Rapelye was so much exhausted that her recovery is doubtful.

1815, *Sept. 17*.—Died, at Jamaica, aged 73 years,

Colonel Joseph Robinson, a patriot of the Revolution and for thirty years Surrogate of Queens county.

1816, Feb. 28.—On Thursday morning last, between one and two o'clock, the house of widow Lawrence at Flushing, was discovered to be on fire. The family made their escape, but the flames when discovered had made such progress that a small portion of the furniture only was saved.

1816, April 22.—Eleven o'clock last night a fire broke out in the barn of Mr. Furman in Newtown, Long Island, which destroyed all his outhouses with their contents, a large quantity of hay, grain, &c., two horses, one cow and two calves were consumed.

1816.—The Trustees of Union Hall Academy, Jamaica, purpose to open a female academy, May 20th, in a building that will accommodate from thirty to forty boarders. They have engaged two ladies of approved talents and experience, Mrs. Elizabeth Bartlette and Miss Laura Barnum by whom young ladies will be instructed in all the branches of a polite and well finished education.

1816, June 11.—A fine large GREEN TURTLE will be dressed on Saturday and Sunday next, at Tyler's Boarding House, Far Rockaway. Dinner on the table at two o'clock.

1816, July 20.—Dr. Mitchell and Captain Partridge ascertained by the barometer that the height of the Harbor Hills was three hundred and nineteen feet.\* They also found the Mill-stone rock, a granite block on land of Judge Schenck, south of Manhasset, to contain two thousand four hundred cubic feet above the surface of the earth in which it was embedded.

1816, Aug. 7.—Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Carberry, of New York, aged fourteen years, and two servant girls (one was Jane McPherson,) were swept off by the undertow at Rockaway beach, while bathing in the surf. They were washed up fifteen minutes after but life was extinct.

1816, Aug. 16.—Walter and Gilbert Covert (father and son) were put in Queens county jail for setting fire to the barn of Obadiah Jackson, Jericho, and subsequently removed to Bridewell for fear of their breaking jail. They were tried, November 12th. Walter was acquitted and Gilbert sent to the State's Prison for ten years.

1816, Aug. 16.—The coldest and driest season ever known, corn injured by the grub or cut worm. Farmers had to purchase salt hay for winter fodder.

1816, Sept. 26.—The Williamsburgh turnpike which has been making for the last two years, is now finished. It curtails the distance between New York and Newtown one half. The route to

Rockaway formerly exceeded twenty-eight miles, but is now diminished to fifteen. The number of horses in the team-boat has been doubled to afford facilities to travellers by the new route.

1816, Nov. 12.—Stephen Hicks was fined \$50 for assault on Cesar Lowe, a negro. (In the spring of 1815 Cesar was behaving disorderly in Hicks' bar-room, at Success, and on refusing to leave the house when ordered, Hicks forcibly ejected and kicked him, of which he died).—*Court and Supervisors' minutes.*

1816, Dec. 4.—James Ditmars of Jamaica killed a pig, eight months old, which weighed when dressed three hundred and sixty-two pounds.

1816, Dec. 18.—William Smith, of Flushing, killed a two year old hog which weighed one thousand, one hundred and twenty pounds.—*Star.*

1816, Dec. 18.—A radish was produced the past season from the garden of a gentleman in Newtown whose length including the top was five feet, ten inches, length of body two feet nine inches circumference two feet three inches, weight twenty-one pounds.—*Star.*

1817, Jan. 15.—Flour sells in New York, for \$15 per barrel, and a further advance is apprehended.

1817.—The night of February 14, was the coldest one of many years. At sunrise the Mercury was seven degrees below zero.

1817, May 5.—William Cobbet landed in New York, and hired Hyde Park, where he planted in ridges seven acres of turnips (ruta-bagas), and gave a great impulse to their culture by Long Island farmers.

1817, May 21.—*Late Election.*—From a state of high excitement the people seem to have fallen into a very blamable apathy. Very few votes were understood were given in the towns of Long Island. In Queens county no nomination of Assemblymen was made from any party; but the old members (Messrs. Carman, Jones, and Kissam) are said to be elected. For Governor DeWitt Clinton received two hundred and eighty-three votes and Peter B. Porter, thirteen.—*L. I. Star.*

1817, June 15.—The store of Lowerre and Wines, Flushing was broken open in the night by some men from New York, (who came up in a coach) and robbed of \$1,000 worth of goods, a part of which was found on the wharf and part carried off in a yawl which is now missing.

1817, June 18.—Eatables have been high but the prospects now are that the crops will be abundant.—*Star.*

1817, June 27.—The barn of George Vanderberg, Flushing, was consumed by lightning during the thunder storm of Saturday evening.

1817, July 15.—The store of John W. Messenger, one mile east of Jamaica, was broken open and robbed on the night of July 7th. The whole

\*The water commissioners from Williamsburgh, afterwards made the elevation to be three hundred and eighty feet.

of the goods will be given as a reward for the discovery of the villains.—*Star*.

1817, *Aug. 6*.—Sally Edsall, Newtown, sued Thomas and Margaret Divine for slander. The trial lasted three days and forty witnesses were examined. The jury rendered a verdict of \$800.—*L. I. Star*.

1817, *Aug. 18*.—Mr. Spragg, of Hempstead having his gun on full cock while snipe shooting, lost his thumb and three fingers by a discharge of the ramrod. The hand was amputated above the wrist.

1817, *Aug. 21*.—James Davis, a mason, James Muttee and Platt Sammis were committed to jail for using violence under aggravating circumstances to Maria Dodge, whom they left on the Flats in Hempstead Harbor, to be drowned by the rising tide, but her cries brought timely succor. Davis broke jail December 4, but was retaken June 10, 1818. The others also escaped June 20 1818.—*Supervisors' minutes*.

1817, *Aug. 24*.—Died at Tyler's, at Rockaway, Mr. Holman, play actor, late of London.

1817.—At a meeting of a number of gentlemen farmers and agriculturists of Queens county, at the Court House, November 11th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of forming an *Agricultural Society*, in order to improve the method of farming as well as to improve the stock and rural economy of said county in general, Lewis S. Hewlett was called to the chair and John I. Cromwell was appointed Secretary.

After a few prefatory remarks on the importance to our country of the subject, it was resolved that the formation of an agricultural society is highly necessary and that a general meeting of the farmers and agriculturists of Queens county, be held at the Court House, December 8th, at 10 A. M.; and that Lewis S. Hewlett, Garret Laton, Major William Jones, John I. Cromwell, Esq., Lewis Hewlett and Henry O. Seaman form a committee of arrangements; and that the objects of this meeting may become generally known that these proceedings be published in the newspapers and handbills.—*L. I. Star*.

1817, *Nov. 12*.—Dr. Keemer who resided a mile west of Jamaica was buried in the cemetery of Grace church.

1818, *March 7*.—Daniel Downing, a young man who could not speak, was driving his father's team down a hill east side of Manhasset, when the load slid on the horses which started and he was thrown out and killed.

1818, *March 16*.—A meeting was held at Allen's inn, Manhasset, to consider the subject of building an Academy. Christ church academy was opened, October following.\*

\*1802, *Dec. 7*.—George and Sarah Onderdonk sell over two acres of ground, at the Head of Gow Neck, for the site of Christ church.

1818, *April*.—Daniel Kissam, Stephen Carman, and John A. King were elected to the Assembly over the Tammany candidates.

1818, *May 22*.—James Morrel, of Newtown, was drowned while in his berth, on board a small manure schooner which sunk at Fly market wharf, New York, in consequence of her prow catching on the ferry stairs.

1818, *Aug. 19*.—During the thunder storm of Thursday afternoon, the barn of Daniel Everett, near Jamaica, was struck and entirely consumed, loss \$600 or \$700.

1818, *Sept*.—Governor Clinton and suite, consisting of Dr. S. L. Mitchell, Dr. Townsend, Gurdon S. Mumford and Judge Effingham Lawrence attended the Reformed Dutch church, Manhasset, on Sunday, and dined at Judge Mitchell's. The Governor held his levee at Allen's inn.—*Ed*.

1818, *Oct. 28*.—Major Thorne of Oysterbay was thrown from his gig by two runaway horses coming in contact and killed.

1819, *April 7*.—*To the Editor of the Long Island Star*.—I presume it is not generally known that a few men have undertaken to manage for the people and kindly dictate for whom they shall vote.—They have lately sent delegates to Tammany Hall to nominate Senators. In Queens county, the business was done by a county meeting of less than thirty persons, called by private letters sent to the Martling\* men of the county only. This was called the sense of the county of Queens!!

1819, *May 5*.—Vote of Queens county, for Assembly:

| Federal.         |     | Tammany.        |     |
|------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| John A. King.    | 698 | Samuel Sherman. | 425 |
| William Jones.   | 752 | Stephen Carman. | 210 |
| Thomas Tredwell. | 715 | William Mott.   | 483 |

1819.—Mrs. and Miss Dawson's boarding school, Jamaica, will re-open May 10th, Music, French, Italian and English languages regularly taught.

1819, *May 12*.—*Burglary*.—The House of Mr. Isaac Lefferts near Jamaica, Long Island, was broken open on the night of the 8th inst., and robbed of a small chest, containing fifteen hundred dollars in Bank bills, three hundred and fifty dollars in silver, twenty eagles, a gold watch, chain, key and seals, and a number of valuable papers. Two hundred dollars reward is offered for the detection of the robber and the recovery of the property.

1819.—The summer term of Nassau Academy, Hempstead, under the care of the Rev. Timothy Clowes, A. M., with an able assistant, will commence May 25th. Board and tuition \$83 for twenty-three weeks. French, Washing and bedding a separate charge.

The Female Academy under the care of Mrs. C. A. Taylor will open the same day.

\*So called from meeting in Martling's long room, Tammany Hall.—*Ed*.

1819, *June 23*.—Some damage was done by the hail storm in Queens county, on Saturday last.—At Jamaica the glass windows were broken. At Newtown, Flushing, Hempstead and elsewhere, the grass and grain were beat down, and Indian corn almost destroyed.

1819, *July 28*.—An aged woman at Hempstead, known as "Aunt Ibbey" Carman, while walking on the swamp road leading to Joseph Dorlon's Mill, was struck and killed by the pole of a runaway wagon.—*Star*.

1819, *Sept. 15*.—The dysentery prevails in several parts of Long Island. In Hempstead and the east part of Huntington many are sick and numbers of deaths have occurred.—*L. I. Star*.

1819.—The Queens County Society for the promotion of Agriculture and Domestic manufactures, was organized at a public meeting of a number of the freeholders and inhabitants, at the Court House, on the 21st day of June. The officers were Rufus King, President; Effingham Lawrence, Singleton Mitchell and William Jones, Vice-Presidents; Rev. David S. Bogart, Corresponding Secretary; Thomas Philips, Recording Secretary; Daniel Kissam, Treasurer.

## MANAGERS.

Lewis Hewlett, Townsend Cock, John B. Coles, Jr., Nelson Lloyd, of Oysterbay; John I. Schenck, Benjamin Tredwell, Benjamin Platt, Joseph Dodge, Jr., of North Hempstead; Abraham Cock, Thomas Powell, Richard Cornell, James Lawrence, of Flushing; Colonel Edward Leverich, Colonel George Gibbs, Timothy Roach, Rev. E. M. Johnson, of Newtown; Nicholas Wyckoff, Timothy Nostrand, John A. King, Lawrence Roe, of Jamaica; Rev. Seth Hart, Jacob S. Jackson, Thomas Tredwell, Oliver Hewlett, of Hempstead.

The managers met July 26th, and agreed on a list of premiums to be offered at the first exhibition at the Court House, on the first Tuesday of November.

The premiums were awarded to the following persons:

|                                                         |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------|
| John Rider, Jamaica, Indian Corn,                       | \$20 |
| Judge Lawrence, Flushing, acre of Potatoes,             | 10   |
| do do half acre Ruta Bagas,                             | 10   |
| Thomas Jenkins, Oysterbay, Woolen Cloth,                | 10   |
| do do Flannel,                                          | 10   |
| Lewis Hewlett, Oysterbay, Linen Diaper,                 | 5    |
| Stephen Sell, N. Hempstead, Linen for Shirts or Sheets, | 5    |
| Colonel Gibbs, Newtown, Bull,                           | 20   |
| Lewis Hewlett, Hempstead, Working Oxen,                 | 10   |
| Lawrence Roe, Jamaica, Cow,                             | 20   |
| Benjamin Penny, Flushing, Cow,                          | 10   |
| Lewis Hewlett, Oysterbay, Bullock,                      | 15   |
| Colonel Gibbs, Merino Ram,                              | 10   |
| Judge Lawrence, Merino Ewe,                             | 5    |
| Wynant Van Zandt, Flushing, Ram, not merino,            | 10   |
| James Lent, Newtown, Ewe, not merino,                   | 5    |
| Colonel Gibbs, Boar,                                    | 5    |
| Lewis Hewlett, Oysterbay, Sow,                          | 5    |
| Thomas Jones, Oysterbay, four year Gelding,             | 15   |
|                                                         | 200  |

No imported Horse, Bull or Cow, were exhibited.

1819, *Aug. 11*.—The fields on Long Island, are parched up by the long drought.

1820, *Jan. 12*.—Silas Roe, of Jamaica, has raised and fatted a hog twenty-one months old, which when killed on the 4th inst., weighed seven hundred and twenty-two pounds.—*Star*.

1820, *Feb. 14*.—At a numerous and respectable meeting at the Court House, of the electors of Queens county, friendly to the state administration, Jacobus Monfort, Chairman and Jonathan Howard, Secretary, DeWitt Clinton was nominated for Governor, and a committee of four from each town appointed to forward the objects of the meeting, viz:

## JAMAICA.

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| James Denton, Esq. | Nicholas Wyckoff,    |
| Evert Van Wicklen, | Charles Hendrickson. |

## FLUSHING.

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Effingham Lawrence,  | Abraham Lowerre, |
| Captain John Strong, | William Roe.     |

## OYSTERBAY.

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Benjamin Ellison, Esq., | Isaac Smith, Esq.,   |
| John I. Cromwell Esq.,  | Silas T. Vandewater. |

## NORTH HEMPSTEAD.

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Singleton Mitchell, Esq., | Henry S. Hicks,   |
| Garret Laton, Esq.,       | Joseph Dodge, Jr. |

## HEMPSTEAD.

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Samuel Nicolls, | John Clowes,  |
| Elias Hicks,    | Henry Covert. |

## NEWTOWN.

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| William Palmer, | Martin Way,      |
| Isaac Morrell,  | John I. Rapelye. |

1820, *Feb. 23*.—The woolen factory (of John Bird at the Alley) near Flushing, was burnt on Thursday night, with all its machinery and stock. The loss is about \$10,000. It is supposed the fire originated from the stove pipe.—*L. I. Star*.

1820, *April*.—Vote of Queens county, for Governor and Assembly:

|               | GOVERNOR. |           | ASSEMBLY.   |          |           | Opposition. |          |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
|               | Clinton.  | Tompkins. | Clintonian. | Clinton. | Tompkins. | Clintonian. | Clinton. | Tompkins. |
| Hempstead,    | 277       | 167       | 345         | 364      | 420       | 332         | 315      | 341       |
| N. Hempstead, | 54        | 95        | 55          | 56       | 41        | 109         | 133      | 124       |
| Oysterbay     | 160       | 96        | 246         | 249      | 239       | 98          | 97       | 101       |
| Flushing,     | 57        | 53        | 53          | 57       | 42        | 106         | 122      | 102       |
| Newtown,      | 69        | 130       | 94          | 94       | 94        | 144         | 145      | 94        |
| Jamaica,      | 58        | 112       | 42          | 44       | 42        | 183         | 189      | 180       |
|               | 675       | 653       | 835         | 866      | 878       | 972         | 1001     | 942       |

1820, *March 7*.—At a meeting of Republican delegates from the several towns of Queens county, at the Court House, Captain John Hazard, Chairman, and James Lent, Secretary, Daniel D. Tompkins was nominated for Governor; and it was re-

solved that Elbert Hegeman, Joseph Pettit, John W. Seaman, and Lawrence Roe, be delegates to the senatorial convention at Tammany Hall, on 29th inst.; and that James Hegeman, of Oysterbay, J. Allen, of North Hempstead, Nathaniel Seaman of Hempstead, John W. Seaman of Flushing, Silas Roe, of Jamaica, and James Lent, of Newtown, be a committee to draft resolutions and an address to the electors of this county.—*L. I. Star.*

1820, *July 1.*—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded Mrs. Cornelius R. Remsen, of Newtown, for the best butter in market, a silver cream pitcher. The other exhibitors (whose butter was excellent) were Peter Luyster, Daniel Moore, Henry Barclay and Mrs. Moore, of Newtown; David Rhodes, of Jamaica, and John Hoogland of Flushing.

1820, *July 12.*—The corner stone of the new Academy at Jamaica, was laid on Wednesday.—There was a procession by the Trustees, teachers, and scholars of Union Hall from the present academy to the spot chosen for the new edifice, where the corner stone was laid in presence of numerous spectators, after which an excellent prayer by the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, President of the Trustees. The new edifice will afford spacious rooms for the Principal and his five assistants, and for the library and philosophical apparatus.

1820, *Oct. 11.*—Isaac Hewlett's Laurel Grove Woolen factory, head of Cold Spring, is now in operation.—*Star.*

1820, *Nov. 2.*—The Queens County Cattle Show and Fair took place at the Court House. There were more people assembled than was ever before witnessed in the county on any occasion. A premium was awarded the owner of the celebrated horse, Duroc, and to Hon. Rufus King for the best milch cow. We have not been favored with any other particulars.\*—*Star.*

1820, *Nov. 7.*—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded the following premiums to residents of Queens county:

|                                                    |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Gen. Nathaniel Coles, Dosoris, best Brood Mare, -  | \$30 00 |
| Townsend Cock, Oysterbay, Horse Duroc, -           | 20 00   |
| General Nathaniel Coles, Mare, -                   | 10 00   |
| Lewis Hewlett, second best Fat Oxen, -             | 40 00   |
| James Lent, two best Bucks, -                      | 15 00   |
| Edward Leverich, Newtown, best litter of Pigs, -   | 12 00   |
| Andrew Cock, Flushing, Corn planting Machine, -    | 7 50    |
| Mr. A. L. Schuyler of Newtown exhibited fine hogs. |         |

1820, *Nov. 11.*—On Saturday night there was a snow storm—the snow fell twelve inches deep.—On Monday there was sleighing. The farmers had not all yet gathered their potatoes, apples and corn.

\*Joseph Onderdonk received the premium for the best ruta bagas. Governor King, one of the judges, used to say, it was the first time he had seen turnips sown in ridges, and that it was the finest crop he ever saw, either before or since.—*Ed.*

1821.—The *Long Island Farmer* was commenced by Henry C. Sleight, Thursday, January 4th.

1821.—An auxiliary to the United Foreign Missionary Society, was organized in the Reformed Dutch church, Jamaica, on the evening of January 1st. Its object is to civilize and evangelize our Western Indians. One hundred and fifty members have been obtained. The officers are Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, President; Rev. Henry R. Weed, Eliphalet Wickes, John Bennet, Michael Skidmore, Vice Presidents; General V. W. Wickes, Treasurer; Dr. Nathan Shelton, Secretary. The managers are Abraham Burtis, Abraham Hendrickson, Daniel Ludlum, Esq., James Hendrickson, John Rider, Waite S. Everett, Johannis Lott, Amos Denton, Jr.

A similar society was also formed in Newtown.—*Farmer.*

1821, *Jan. 10.*—John Van Nostrand and John Sutphin run one or two stages to Brooklyn from Hewlett-Creed's Inn, Jamaica, daily at 8 o'clock.

1821, *March 7.*—John and David Bedell start a Post coach, every morning, from Smith Hicks' Hotel, Jamaica, to Brooklyn. Fare fifty cents.

1821, *April 14.*—Singleton Mitchell, Plandome, offers for sale two thousand inoculated peach trees of three seasons' growth.

1821, *April 17.*—The Rev. Dr. Bletsoe, has been appointed Principal of the Academy at Oysterbay, and it is intended by the trustees to appropriate a part of Edmund Hall to the purposes of an Episcopal church, in which Divine service will be performed regularly by Dr. Bletsoe.—*Star.*

1821, *April.*—Vote of Queens county for Assembly.

|                   | Independent<br>or Republican.* |                      |                     | Republican.<br>or Bucktail.† |                |              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                   | Wm. Jones.                     | Timothy<br>Nostrand. | Thomas<br>Tredwell. | John A. King.                | B. T. Kisseam. | J. D. Hicks. |
| Oysterbay, - - -  | 397                            | 390                  | 377                 | 179                          | 178            | 173          |
| Hempstead, - - -  | 488                            | 496                  | 503                 | 350                          | 327            | 343          |
| N. Hempstead, - - | 87                             | 90                   | 74                  | 96                           | 111            | 101          |
| Jamaica, - - -    | 123                            | 146                  | 114                 | 128                          | 133            | 123          |
| Flushing, - - -   | 89                             | 93                   | 85                  | 91                           | 97             | 92           |
| Newtown, - - -    | 134                            | 140                  | 133                 | 174                          | 183            | 183          |
| Total, - - -      | 1318                           | 1355                 | 1286                | 1018                         | 1029           | 1015         |

1821.—St. George's church, Flushing, was consecrated May 25th, by Bishop Hobart.—*Post.*

1821, *June 7.*—On Thursday evening last, between eight and nine o'clock, the large new barn

\*They were Clintonians and "opposed to the dominant party in the present Legislature." Lewis S. Hewlett was Chairman and Ebenezer Seely, Secretary, of the meeting that nominated them.—*Ed.*

†They were "opposed to the Executive of this state."—*Ed.*

and hovel of Valentine Hicks, Jericho, was struck with lightning and consumed with a quantity of corn, a heavy shower of rain prevented injury to other buildings, though it was surrounded by several dwelling houses and barns.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821, *June 7.*—At the late meeting of the Agricultural Society, held at the Court House, after the business for which they had convened was finished they thought it advisable to recommend without the bias of party, Rufus King, Elbert H. Jones and Joseph Dodge, Jr., as suitable persons to represent the county in the convention.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821.—At a Republican meeting, June 8th, of committees from the different towns of Queens county, at the Court House, agreeably to public notice, Benjamin Allen, Chairman and Adam L. Allen, Secretary, Rufus King, of Jamaica, George Townsend, of Oysterbay and Nathaniel Seaman, of Hempstead, were nominated as candidates for the ensuing convention.\*

1821, *June.*—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded Mrs. Stewart, of Jamaica, the first premium for eighteen pounds of butter, a silver cream pitcher, and a discretionary premium to Mrs. Moore, of Newtown.

1821, *June.*—Vote of Queens county for Delegates to the Convention to revise the Constitution of this State:

|                   | Rufus King. | E. H. Jones. | J. Dodge, Jr. | G. Townsend. | N. Seaman. | D. S. Bogart. |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Oysterbay, - - -  | 248         | 213          | 168           | 34           | 32         | 48            |
| N. Hempstead, - - | 108         | 72           | 115           | 135          | 126        | 33            |
| Hempstead, - - -  | 307         | 248          | 33            | 83           | 298        | 2             |
| Jamaica, - - - -  | 157         | 90           | 91            | 67           | 63         |               |
| Flushing, - - - - | 203         | 108          | 108           | 106          | 106        |               |
| Newtown, - - - -  | 110         | 83           | 83            | 23           | 23         |               |
|                   | 1138        | 814          | 597           | 448          | 648        | 83            |

1821, *July 11.*—William Roe, Umbrella and Parasol manufacturer, in Jamaica, adjoining Joseph Roe's tavern.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821, *Aug. 9.*—Mr. Jesse Wright, of Jamaica, while bathing at the three mile mill was drowned on Saturday evening last.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821, *Aug. 9.*—The weather is now cool, after excessive heat for near a fortnight past. The Thermometer ranged from eighty to ninety-two degrees, in the shade. Vegetation is drooping for lack of rain.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821, *Aug. 9.*—On Sunday afternoon, while the families of Abraham Burtis and his father, Hendrick, of Foster's Meadow, were attending Divine service, a mile and a half from home, the house of

Abraham was discovered to be on fire and the flames communicated to the barn and out-houses of Hendrick. The furniture was mostly saved, but the grain and hay were lost. Only a servant girl was in the house who cannot account for the fire. Mr. Abraham Burtis is much involved and will thankfully accept any donations.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821, *Sept. 3.*—During the great gale the barn of David Lamberson, at Jamaica, was blown down, in the night, and his black man, George, killed by the fall.

1821, *Oct.*—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded premiums to residents of Queens county as follows:

|                                                          |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| John Tredwell, Hempstead, pair of Oxen, - - -            | \$10 |
| John L. Lloyd, a colt <i>Duroc</i> , - - - - -           | 10   |
| John H. and W. R. Jones, 2d best, <i>Cassimere</i> , - - | 10   |
| do do best pair Woolen Blankets, - - -                   | 10   |
| James Lent, six best English Wethers, - - -              | 10   |
| Effingham Lawrence, six best Merino Ewes, - -            | 10   |

1821.—The annual exhibition of the Queens County Agricultural Society, took place, at the Court House, Wednesday, November 7th, when premiums were awarded to the following persons:

|                                                                                                                             |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Effingham Lawrence, acre of Potatoes, - - -                                                                                 | \$8 00 |
| Singleton Mitchell, half acre Ruta Bagas, - -                                                                               | 8 00   |
| James Lent, do. do. - - - - -                                                                                               | 5 00   |
| Cornelius S. Bogart, two acres Wheat, - - -                                                                                 | 15 00  |
| Singleton Mitchell, do. do. - - - - -                                                                                       | 10 00  |
| Singleton Mitchell, two acres Rye, - - - - -                                                                                | 10 00  |
| Daniel Kissam, do. - - - - -                                                                                                | 5 00   |
| Daniel Kissam, acre of Flax, - - - - -                                                                                      | 10 00  |
| Singleton Mitchell, do. - - - - -                                                                                           | 5 00   |
| Singleton Mitchell, two acres Barley, - - - -                                                                               | 10 00  |
| Edward Leverich, do. do. - - - - -                                                                                          | 5 00   |
| Singleton Mitchell, do. Spring Wheat, - - -                                                                                 | 5 00   |
| Henry Covert, best Agricultural Machines, viz: Garden Plough, machines for planting beans and sowing turnip seed, - - - - - | 10 00  |
| Uriah Platt, Carpet, - - - - -                                                                                              | 10 00  |
| Daniel Youngs, Linen Diaper, - - - - -                                                                                      | 8 00   |
| Rulef Schenck, Linen Shirting, - - - - -                                                                                    | 8 00   |
| Garret Laton, Woolen Mittens, - - - - -                                                                                     | 1 00   |
| Uriah Platt, do. - - - - -                                                                                                  | 75     |
| Peter Luyster, Woolen Stockings, - - - - -                                                                                  | 2 00   |
| do do. - - - - -                                                                                                            | 1 50   |
| Uriah Platt, do. - - - - -                                                                                                  | 1 00   |
| Peter Luyster, Linen Stockings, - - - - -                                                                                   | 2 00   |
| Peter Luyster, Cotton Stockings, - - - - -                                                                                  | 2 00   |
| Garret Laton most cloth made in one family, viz: Woolen, 202 yards; Linen, 363 yards, - - -                                 | 10 00  |
| J. N. Lloyd, Brood Mare, - - - - -                                                                                          | 15 00  |
| do. do. - - - - -                                                                                                           | 8 00   |
| Thomas Mott, Stud Horse, - - - - -                                                                                          | 20 00  |
| Thomas Jones, do. - - - - -                                                                                                 | 10 00  |
| Garret Laton, Gelding, - - - - -                                                                                            | 10 00  |
| T. Hewlett, Jr., Yearling Colt, - - - - -                                                                                   | 10 00  |
| John Tredwell, Sow, - - - - -                                                                                               | 8 00   |
| Lawrence Roe, Sow, - - - - -                                                                                                | 5 00   |
| Roe Haviland, Boar, - - - - -                                                                                               | 8 00   |
| John Titus, two Shoats, - - - - -                                                                                           | 6 00   |
| John I. Schenck, do. - - - - -                                                                                              | 5 00   |
| John Tredwell, Fat Bullock, - - - - -                                                                                       | 10 00  |
| Hewlett Townsend, do., - - - - -                                                                                            | 5 00   |
| John Titus, Working Cattle, - - - - -                                                                                       | 10 00  |
| Benjamin Platt, do. - - - - -                                                                                               | 5 00   |
| Singleton Mitchell, Milch Cow, - - - - -                                                                                    | 10 00  |
| Benjamin Tredwell, do., - - - - -                                                                                           | 5 00   |
| John Titus, Bull, - - - - -                                                                                                 | 10 00  |
| Singleton Mitchell, do., - - - - -                                                                                          | 5 00   |
| James Lent, English Buck, - - - - -                                                                                         | 8 00   |

\*The Bucktails not satisfied with the excellent, independent nomination have taken one of the candidates, Rufus King and nominated with him, George Townsend and Nathaniel Seaman.—*Columbian.*

|                                                                                                         |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| James Lent, English Ewe, - - - - -                                                                      | 5 00 |
| James Scott, Merino Buck, - - - - -                                                                     | 8 00 |
| Singleton Mitchell, do. - - - - -                                                                       | 5 00 |
| Effingham Lawrence, Four Merino Ewes, - - - - -                                                         | 8 00 |
| Edmund Farrington, do. - - - - -                                                                        | 5 00 |
| Noah Mason, Calf, - - - - -                                                                             | 5 00 |
| Isaac E. Conklin, two years growth of Locust from the seed, - - - - -                                   | 5 00 |
| Rufus Weed, Fat Pig under seven months, - - - - -                                                       | 3 00 |
| The premiums when over \$5, consisted of a piece of silver plate, such as a pitcher or cup.— <i>Ed.</i> |      |

1821, Nov. 21.—Adrian Van Sinderen, Abraham Remsen, John Ebbits, Aaron Furman, and James M. Halsey, intend applying to the Legislature for the incorporation of "the Newtown Female Academy."—*L. I. Farmer.*

1821, Nov. 29.—A young Rhode Island green-  
ing tree of James Scott, Flushing, was stripped of its leaves in the September gale, but afterwards put forth new foliage and has produced apples of the second growth about the size of walnuts.—*N. Y. Journal.*

1821, Dec. 27.—Mr. Seymour, Oysterbay, had his barns, span of horses, hay and grain, burnt by his negro boy.

1822, Feb. 28.—*Great Flood.*—The mail carrier informs us that the damage done by the recent heavy rains and swollen streams on Long Island has been very great. On the north side of the island all the mill-dams are carried away except one at Oysterbay—owned by W. Townsend. This destruction includes three dams at Smithtown.—The dam of General Jackson, at Oysterbay South, is carried away. The roads are greatly injured, and some small bridges are carried away.

1822, March.—New York Provision Market, corrected by E. Frost, weekly, for the the *Long Island Farmer*.

Beef, three to ten cents per pound; by the hundred weight \$4 to \$8; Pork, five to six cents per pound; by hundred weight \$4 to \$6; Veal, four to nine cents; Mutton, four to six cents; Butter, (fresh) twenty to twenty-five cents, (in firkins) twelve and half to sixteen cents; Potatoes, thirty-seven to forty-four cents per bushel; Turnips, twenty-five to thirty-seven cents; Beets, Carrots, Pars nips, about fifty cents per bushel; Cabbages, \$3 to \$4 per hundred, three to six cents per head; Geese, thirty-seven to fifty cents each; Turkeys, seventy-five cents to \$1; Fowls, per pair, fifty cents to \$1; Apples, per barrel, \$1.75 to \$2.50; Eggs, per dozen, twelve cents.

1822, March 15.—The district school house at Hempstead was broke open at night and robbed of about sixty volumes of school books.

1822, April.—Silas Roe's Bakery and flour store, Jamaica. His bake-wagon goes to Flushing and Whitestone, Success, Great Neck, Cow Neck, Hempstead harbor, and returns through Foster's Meadow by the head of Springfield. June 1st,

the wagon will run to Far Rockaway and return through Springfield.

1822, April 24.—James Elmes and William Fricke, coach makers, in the shop late of Joseph Messenger, on the Main street, Jamaica, next the hay-scales, by the Dutch Church.

1822, May.—John Welling, tailor, Jamaica, in the house lately occupied by Isaac Skirm, shoemaker, opposite Mrs. Bartlette's Female Academy.

1822, May 27.—The Jamaica Auxiliary Society, for meliorating the condition of the Jews, was formed. The audience were addressed by a converted Jew, Rev. Mr. Frey, and Mr. Jadownisky. \$164 were subscribed.

1822, May 9.—We are credibly informed that a short time since in excavating a canal at Jerusalem South for conveying water from a pond to a flouring mill, a number of Indian skeletons was disinterred, and at the head of each was found a bottle of rum, a kettle, tomahawk, &c. The rum was of good flavor and supposed to be over a century old.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1822, May 31.—Elizabeth Demott sued Samuel L. Smith for breach of promise of marriage, after nine years courtship, and got a verdict of \$2,000.

1822, June 8.—At the last Court of Oyer and Terminer, Thomas Spears, a negro boy, twelve years old, was sent to the states prison for three years, for burning the barn of William W. Townsend.—*Farmer.*

1822, June 8.—Eleven pounds of well washed wool was sheared, a few days since, from James Scott's merino buck, at Jamaica.—*Farmer.*

1822, June 20.—Wheat and Rye will be short owing to the variable weather last winter; the slight covering of snow and the present uncommon drought. Oats and Flax will be indifferent without timely rain. Hay is very light.

1822.—The Long Island Forum will be opened at Mr. Eldert's hotel, Jamaica, June 27th. The Rev. D. S. Bogart will preside. Tickets twenty-five cents. The proceeds will be devoted to charitable purposes.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1822.—June 29th, will be sold at auction at the house lately occupied by the Rev. Henry R. Weed, Jamaica, a quantity of household furniture, horse, gig, cow, a few hives of bees, &c.

1822.—The Long Island Forum will celebrate the 4th of July. The procession will form at Eldert's Hotel and proceed to the Methodist church, where the Declaration will be read by Lewis Bixby and an Oration delivered by Oliver A. Shaw, with music interspersed. Dinner at Mr. Eldert's.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1822.—A young man, Frost Carpenter, was killed and several others wounded, on the evening of July 4th, by the bursting of a cannon at Musquito Cove. It is said that in the night they got

possession of the cannon, charged it heavily and forced a stone into its mouth and then fired it.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1822.—*Grace Church.*—The neat and elegant church in Jamaica, just finished, was consecrated, July 15th, by Bishop Hobart. The house was crowded to overflowing. The text was "Take heed how ye hear."—*Farmer.*

1821, March 8.—Subscriptions for rebuilding Grace Church.—*Farmer.*

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cornelius I. Bogart, - \$150 | Silas Roe, - - - - \$50   |
| Mary Codwise, - 150          | Joseph Roe, - - - - 40    |
| L. E. A. Eigenbrodt, 300     | Gilbert Roe, - - - - 35   |
| Nancy Gracie, - - 500        | Benjamin Rowland, - 50    |
| Mrs. Harvey, - - - 20        | John Skidmore, - - 50     |
| Mrs. Hyler, - - - - 20       | Gilbert H. Sayres,* - 25  |
| Rufus King, - - - 500        | Joseph Thatford, - 10     |
| John A. King, - - - 200      | Anne Vandervoort, - 25    |
| B. T. Kissam, - - - 100      | John Van Nostrand, - 25   |
| Timothy Nostrand, - 300      | Adrian Van Sinderen, - 20 |
| Nathaniel Prime, - - 50      | Samuel Ward, Sr., - 50    |
| Erime Ward & Sands, 100      | Hannah Wickham, 25        |
| Abiathar Rhodes, - - 55      |                           |

Besides the above, the following were pewholders from July 3rd, 1822, to 1825 :

|                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mrs. Brewer, - - - -  | Henry Kneeland, - -   | John Thatford, - -    |
| John B. Codwise, - -  | Mr. Lyde, - - - -     | John Titus, - - -     |
| Lawrence Denton, - -  | Charles McNeil, - -   | Mrs. Tapp, - - -      |
| Cornelius Duryea, - - | William McKay, - -    | Thos. S. Townsend, -  |
| Miss Dawson, - - -    | Andrew Napier, - -    | Mrs. Troup, - - -     |
| Mrs. Dyson, - - - -   | Fred'k. Polhemus, - - | Jeremiah Valentine, - |
| Mrs. Forbes, - - - -  | William Puntine, - -  | Jas. Valentine, Sr. - |
| Samuel Greenoak, - -  | John B. Roe, - - -    | and Jr., - - -        |
| Smith Hicks, - - - -  | Lawrence Roe, - -     | Samuel Ward, Jr., -   |
| John Hoogland, - - -  | Ida Rowland, - - -    | Nancy Welling, - -    |
| Mrs. Hicks, - - - -   | James Smith, - - -    | Samuel Welling, - -   |
| Mrs. Jackson, - - - - | Jeremiah Simonsen, -  | John Welling, - - -   |
| John T. Jones, - - -  | Joseph Sealy, - - -   |                       |
| Benjamin Kissam, - -  | John Sprouts, - - -   |                       |

1822, Aug. 1.—The house of John Van Nostrand, Foster's Meadow, was struck and considerably injured by lightning on Sunday evening last. None of the inmates were injured.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1822, Oct.—The Union Benevolent Society of Jamaica, has several articles of ladies' fancy work for sale at D. & C. Lamberson's store, the proceeds of which will be devoted to Missions.—*L. I. Farmer.*

1822, Oct.—Jonathan Howard, of Newtown, had a summer pippin which was fifteen inches round and weighed one pound three ounces.

1822, Oct. 24.—The Queens County Fair was numerously attended. There were many ladies though the day was cold, specimens of cotton were exhibited by Colonel Leverich, of Newtown, and Dr. M. M. Rogers, of Jericho. Tunis D. Covert, of Jamaica South, raised sixty hills of cotton, and Daniel C. Coles, of Oysterbay, raised, the last year, cotton sufficient to make twenty yards of muslin. The Address was delivered by the Vice-President, Effingham Lawrence, and was printed in the *Long Island Farmer* of December 5th. This was the

\*The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, S. T. D., was Rector of the church from May 1st, 1810, to May 1st, 1830; when he was succeeded by the Rev. William Lupton Johnson, D.D.

last meeting of the Society, owing to the apathy of the farmers and falling off of subscriptions. Premiums were distributed to the following persons :

|                                                                                                                       |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Joseph Dodge, Jr., best two acres of Wheat, - -                                                                       | \$12 00 |
| John T. Lawrence, Newtown, second best, - -                                                                           | 6 00    |
| John A. King, Jamaica, best two acres of Rye, -                                                                       | 10 00   |
| Singleton Mitchell, North Hempstead, second best, -                                                                   | 6 00    |
| Edward Leverich, Newtown, best two acres Spring Barley; and best acre of Flax, each \$8, - -                          | 16 00   |
| John I. Schenck, North Hempstead; best half acre of Ruta Bagas, (475 bushels per acre at fifty cents per bushel), - - | 8 00    |
| William Smith, North Hempstead, best two acres of Indian Corn (105 bushels per acre), - -                             | 12 00   |
| James T. Talman, Flushing, second best two acres of Indian Corn, (101½ bushels per acre), - -                         | 6 00    |
| Singleton Mitchell, best acre of Potatoes, Kidneys, (350 bushels per acre), - -                                       | 8 00    |
| Garret Layton, North Hempstead, most cloth made in the family, (445 yards), - -                                       | 10 00   |
| Daniel Youngs, Oysterbay, best Woolen Cloth, -                                                                        | 10 00   |
| Richard Cornell, Flushing, second best do. -                                                                          | 6 00    |
| William Allen, N. Hempstead, best Linen Shirting, -                                                                   | 8 00    |
| Miss Springsteen, Newtown, best and second best pair of Woolen Stockings, - -                                         | 3 50    |
| Daniel Youngs, best pair of Woolen Mittens, -                                                                         | 1 00    |
| Miss Pettit, Hempstead, two pieces of Linen Cloth, -                                                                  | 2 00    |
| George Tappan, Oysterbay, best Stud Horse, -                                                                          | 15 00   |
| Samuel Willis, North Hempstead, best yearling Colt, -                                                                 | 10 00   |
| Butler Coles, Oysterbay, best Brood Mare, -                                                                           | 12 00   |
| Benjamin Platt, North Hempstead, best pair of Working Oxen, - -                                                       | 10 00   |
| Daniel Youngs, best Bull, - - - -                                                                                     | 10 00   |
| Jackson Lawrence, Flushing, best Bullock, - -                                                                         | 10 00   |
| Benjamin Tredwell, N. Hempstead, best Calf, -                                                                         | 6 00    |
| Smith Hicks, Jamaica, best Milch Cow, - -                                                                             | 10 00   |
| Singleton Mitchell, best Merino Buck, - - -                                                                           | 8 00    |
| Effing'm. Lawrence, Flushing, best four Merino Ewes, -                                                                | 8 00    |
| James Lent, Newtown, best Buck, not merino, \$8; best four Ewes, not merino, \$8, - -                                 | 16 00   |
| Roe Haviland, N. Hempstead, best Boar, - -                                                                            | 8 00    |
| John I. Schenck, best Sow, - - - -                                                                                    | 8 00    |
| John Holland, Jamaica, best two Shoats, - -                                                                           | 8 00    |

JOSEPH DODGE, JR., Secretary.

1822, Nov.—Vote of Queens County under the new Constitution.

|                      | Oysterbay. | Hempstead. | N. Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Flushing. | Newtown. | Total. |
|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| <i>Senators.</i>     |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| Walter Bowne, -      | 235        | 334        | 139           | 207      | 149       | 115      | 1179   |
| Jasper Ward, -       | 236        | 332        | 139           | 204      | 148       | 112      | 1171   |
| John Lefferts, -     | 236        | 334        | 139           | 207      | 149       | 115      | 1180   |
| John A. King, -      | 117        | 155        | *9            | 154      | 108       | 66       | 609    |
| Abel Huntington, -   | 44         | 179        | 130           | 57       | 19        | 56       | 485    |
| <i>Congress.</i>     |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| John P. Osborn, -    | 83         | 137        | 102           | 134      | 96        | 75       | 627    |
| Silas Wood, - -      | 257        | 226        | 48            | 72       | 81        | 54       | 732    |
| <i>Assembly.</i>     |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| B. T. Kissam, -      | 141        | 143        | 62            | 140      | 139       | 78       | 703    |
| John D. Hicks, -     | 145        | 165        | 64            | 136      | 127       | 78       | 715    |
| William Jones, -     | 181        | 242        | 48            | 68       | 65        | 49       | 653    |
| Thomas Tredwell, -   | 170        | 254        | 28            | 66       | 49        | 49       | 616    |
| <i>Sheriff.</i>      |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| Samuel Mott, -       | 269        | 222        | 125           | 132      | 126       | 78       | 952    |
| Richard Cornell, -   | 83         | 177        | 38            | 81       | 68        | 51       | 498    |
| <i>County Clerk.</i> |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| Samuel Sherman, -    | 297        | 140        | 130           | 125      | 104       | 78       | 874    |
| Edward Parker, -     | 63         | 262        | 28            | 87       | 88        | 50       | 578    |

\*This falling off was owing to the personal pique of a political clique. Gov. King knew the names of these nine voters, one of whom was the father of the writer of this note.

1822.—*Notice*.—Mr. Edward Mitchell, Universalist, will preach at Mr. Eldert's Hotel, Jamaica, on Wednesday evening, August 21st; and at the Court House, August 22d, at 3 P. M.

1822.—Samuel Mott, Sheriff, offers \$10 reward for the apprehension of Jesse Powell, committed for passing counterfeit money, who broke jail on the night of November 16th.

1822, Nov. 28.—John Holland, of Jamaica, killed two shoats, not quite nine months old, which weighed four hundred and thirty-five, and three hundred and ninety-five pounds respectively; and Dr. Blatchford killed two which were fourteen months old and weighed, the largest four hundred and fifty-eight pounds, and the other four hundred and thirty-seven pounds.—*Farmer*.

1822, Dec. 5.—In and about Jamaica are great numbers of colored people growing up in ignorance of the Bible and everything that belongs to civilization, and who have nowhere to look for instruction but to Sabbath-schools. The teachers having obtained permission, have opened a school for them in the Presbyterian Church and have already gathered in about fifty. One or two persons have supplied the money, and now the influence of others is needed to constrain every colored person to attend the school which commences at 3 o'clock every Sabbath. The teachers attend at half past one to give catechetical and other religious instruction to all white children who wish to avail themselves of it.—*Farmer*.

1822, Dec. 19.—John Barnes Mott and Samuel Pettit were killed by the caving in of a well at Hempstead. They have left large families behind them.—*L. I. Star*.

1823, Jan. 1.—Dr. Gunn's office is on the Main Street, Jamaica, opposite John B. Roe's store.

1823, Jan. 2.—William Remsen, Jr., has raised the past year a sweet potatoe whose weight was upwards of seven pounds.

1823, Jan. 29.—Miriam Ann Simonson intends to open a Female School at the house lately occupied by Mrs. Bartlette and Miss Barnum, Jamaica.

1823.—Daniel Smith was Chairman, and John Higbie, Clerk of a meeting held February 15th, which voted by a majority of twenty-seven to build a new church in Springfield, with school-rooms on the upper floor. Anson Higbie, Daniel Gracy, Richard Hendrickson, Michael Golder and John Higbie, were a committee to get subscriptions.

1823, Feb. 28.—On Friday afternoon, about four o'clock, a fire broke out in the house of William Crooker, Wheatly, which was consumed with most of its contents. All the family were absent. The flames were carried by a northwest wind to David Laton's barn, which, with all the fodder was also destroyed.

1823.—On the morning of March 2d, between

two and three o'clock, the house of Zebulon Seaman, Jerusalem, with its contents was destroyed by fire from a stove-pipe. A black boy, eight years old, perished in the flames. Mr. and Mrs. Seaman escaped with difficulty, and their son leaped from a second story window, and a black girl threw herself from the garret on the frozen ground and was little injured.

1823, March 12.—Lewis S. Hewlett and Curtis Peck intend applying to the Legislature for an act to form a road and bridge over the meadow and creek at the head of Little Neck Bay.

1823, March 27.—The woolen factory of John Seaman & Son, Hempstead Harbor, was consumed by fire on Tuesday night with the machinery and all its contents. The factory had made much cloth very creditable to our country.—*Star*.

1823, April 3.—The morning of last Sabbath was cloudy. At nine it commenced raining, which shortly turned to snow and the wind increased to a gale, with such quantities of snow as to darken the sky. Two or three barns were blown down in Springfield. Our streets were deserted and all took refuge in their houses. Next morning the snow was twelve or eighteen inches deep, and in some parts of the county the roads were banked up five feet.—*L. I. Farmer*.

1823, May 1.—Henry Mitchell, of Flushing, gathered, last fall, from one tree, eight barrels of apples, six of which were sent to Liverpool and replaced thirty British sovereigns, (equal to \$133 22) exclusive of freight and commissions.—*Statesman*.

1823, May 15.—John Remsen, Sr., of Jamaica South, was, on Monday last, knocked overboard by the jibing of the boom of the vessel off Frog's Neck, and drowned.

1823, June 8.—Rose leaves distilled by Dr. Nathan Shelton, Jamaica.

1823, June 5.—All those ladies and gentlemen who feel desirous to contribute to the erection of a Lecture-room in the village of Jamaica are requested to meet in the Presbyterian Church, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will soon be no place to accommodate the Sabbath-school and no convenient place for evening meetings.—*Farmer*.

1823, July 24.—The wheat and rye harvest is generally fine, and hay of a great product. Corn crops promise well.

1823, July 29.—The barn of Samuel and Adonijah Underhill, Jericho, was struck by lightning on Friday morning, at sunrise, and consumed. It was filled with hay.

1823, Aug. 14.—On Sunday night last the shoe-shop of Isaac Skirm was broken open and robbed of \$100 worth of shoes, boots and leather. A few weeks since the stable of General Van Wyck Wickes was robbed of a military saddle, bridle martingal, and a plated gig harness.

1823, Aug. 28.—Wilhelmus Duryea, of Jamaica, aged and hard of hearing, fell from his wagon, on the Jamaica turnpike, the wheel passing over him. He was conveyed to Betts & Sniedeker's store, but died in seven days.

1823, Sept.—A grey owl, measuring four feet six inches from the tip end of each extended wing, and twenty inches in height, was shot in the neighborhood of Jamaica.

1823, Oct. 31.—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded a premium of \$7 50 to James Scott, of Jamaica, for a buck and four ewes; and \$10 to J. H. & W. R. Jones, of Cold Spring, for the best flannel; and to Thomas & W. R. Jones \$10, for two pair of woolen blankets. Two pieces of their broadcloth, and of satin, were highly praised.

1823, Nov. 3-6.—Vote of Queens county for Assembly:

|                    | Oysterbay | Hempstead | N. Hempstead | Jamaica | Flushing | Newtown | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|-------|
| William Jones, -   | 226       | 283       | 27           | 75      | 30       | 28      | 669   |
| Thomas Tredwell, - | 191       | 305       | 17           | 60      | 16       | 27      | 616   |
| James Hegeman, -   | 119       | 82        | 112          | 66      | 55       | 65      | 499   |
| Robert Moore, -    | 92        | 71        | 107          | 55      | 56       | 65      | 446   |

1823, Nov. 14.—James Entwistle, late a merchant of New York, was drowned at Oysterbay, by slipping from the bowsprit of a small sail-boat, while fixing the jib. The wind blowing very fresh, it was impossible to save him.

1823, Nov. 27.—Singleton Mitchell, Lewis S. Hewlett, Curtis Peck, Roe Haviland, Robert B. Van Zandt and Joseph Bloodgood intend applying to the Legislature for an act to incorporate the Little Neck Road and Bridge Company, with a capital of \$10,000, to make a road from near the house of Henry Lawrence across the creek and meadows (by a draw-bridge,) easterly till it reaches Elizabeth Mitchell's mill-dam, Manhasset Valley.—*Farmer*.

1824, Jan. 25.—The woollen factory of William H. Jones & Co., Cold Spring, was fired by an apprentice boy Samuel Shaw, aged 17, who confessed he had no motive or thought of the deed till the very moment. The fire was extinguished.—*Huntington Eagle*.

1824, March, 24.—*Female Academy, Jamaica*.—Mr. and Mrs. Hallworth\* will be ready to receive boarders and day-scholars by the 5th of May. References: General V. W. Wickes, Eliphalet Wickes, Rev. S. P. Funck, Dr. T. W. Blatchford, Henry C. Sleight.

1824, March 11.—On Saturday afternoon last, Jesse Leverich's barn, at Newtown, with all the

out-houses, three valuable horses, grain, hay and all his fodder, was burnt by the pipe of a blackman dressing flax in the barn.

1824, April 21.—William White, from London, will open a Boarding Academy, at Jamaica.—Terms, \$160 per year.—*Post*.

1824, April 29.—An old fox and four cubs were, a few days since, taken from their burrow directly under the Williamsburgh turnpike, two miles from Jamaica. The old one was shot.

1824, May 4.—Samuel Legget, President, has put a teamboat on the Whitestone ferry.

1824, June 3.—At the second anniversary of the Jamaica Auxiliary Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews, the following officers were chosen: Dr. N. Shelton, *President*; Revs. G. H. Sayres, S. P. Funck and J. Schoonmaker, *Vice Presidents*; General V. W. Wickes, *Treasurer* and Dr. T. W. Blatchford, *Secretary*. *Directors*—Eliphalet Wickes, H. C. Sleight, Othniel Everitt, Abraham Burtis, John Rider. *Assistant Female Managers*—Miss H. Wickham, Miss Eliza M. Wickes, Miss Sarah B. Titus, Mrs. Ann Scriba, Mrs. Thomas Baylis, Mrs. Ann Hackett, Mrs. Othniel Everett, Mrs. Samuel Mills.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the speakers from the city did not arrive. The Rev. Mr. Sayres dismissed the assembly by reading the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

1824, June 26.—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded a premium of \$9 to Mrs. Jacob Polhemus, of Newtown, for the best butter.

1824, July 29.—Jacob Lawrence's barn, Rockaway, was struck by lightning on Friday and consumed with fifteen loads of hay, wheat and rye, a wagon and sleigh. Loss, \$350.

1824, Aug. 11.—James Kent Bailey of New York, aged fourteen, was drowned in Success Pond by falling over the boat in which he was fishing.—*Farmer*.

1824, Nov.—Vote of Queens County for Congress and Assembly:

|                    | Congress.  |             | Assembly.      |                  |              |                   |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                    | Slas Wood* | James Lent. | William Jones* | Thomas Tredwell* | E. Lawrence. | Nathaniel Seaman. |
| Hempstead, - - -   | 408        | 82          | 400            | 430              | 143          | 164               |
| N. Hempstead - - - | 72         | 128         | 70             | 60               | 112          | 119               |
| Jamaica, - - - -   | 98         | 114         | 95             | 81               | 83           | 81                |
| Flushing, - - - -  | 110        | 81          | 93             | 63               | 159          | 75                |
| Newtown, - - - -   | 71         | 104         | 72             | 65               | 112          | 100               |
| Oysterbay, - - - - | 220        | 82          | 193            | 186              | 99           | 100               |
|                    | 979        | 619         | 923            | 885              | 708          | 649               |

\*Opposed to caucus nominations and in favor of Presidential electors being chosen by the people, not by the Legislature.—*Ed.*

\*Mrs. Hallworth died in April.

1824, Aug. 12.—The barn of John L. Riker, Newtown, was struck by lightning on Sunday evening, and burned to the ground, with the hay, grain, etc.

1824.—The examination and exhibition of the classical school at Newtown will take place October 19th.

1824, Nov. 25.—James Kolyer, of Newtown, raised three bushels of clean flax seed from three quarts sown.

1824, Dec. 10.—As William Bowne, Flushing, was returning home his horses took fright and run against the gate post of his residence and threw him out. He survived but a few hours. He was much esteemed.

1824, Dec. 30.—A horse of Mr. Van Buren was trotted from the twelve mile stone, to the six mile stone, on the Brooklyn and Jamaica turnpike, before a light wagon, without collar or traces, for a bet of \$100. The time allowed was thirty-four minutes, but was performed in twenty-eight, and the horse not tired.—*Farmer.*

1825.—Rufus King writes from Washington, January 7th, to Jones and Tredwell, Members of Assembly, for Queens County, that he is not a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate, believing it to be proper and expedient that the remainder of his life should be devoted to the duties of a private citizen.

1825, Jan. 27.—The western mills at Dosoris owned by John B. Coles, was destroyed by fire, about three o'clock, on Friday morning. Seven thousand bushels of wheat, three hundred barrels of flour and a large quantity of feed were destroyed. He was insured for \$20,000.—*Farmer.*

1825, Feb. 3.—Benjamin Allen, Sr., of Great Neck, raised some very fine fat cattle for the New York market. The largest would weigh one thousand five hundred to one thousand eight hundred.—*Star.*

1825, March 3.—The Long Island Farmer was merged in the Star, for a year or so, and published at Brooklyn and Jamaica.—*Ed.*

1825, March 12.—Governor Clinton thanks Messrs. Jones of Cold Spring, for a piece of flannel, made of Long Island wool and by American skill, which he pronounces very creditable to the county.

1825, April 14.—Simon Marston, Jamaica, fell in his well accidentally, on Tuesday morning and instantly expired.

1825, April 20.—Thomas C. Pinekney, has opened his office near Smith's Mills and the Methodist church, Near Rockaway. Deeds, mortgages, &c., drawn, records searched, money, procured and put out.

1825.—Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury and Mrs.

Boardman's Female Academy at Jamaica, under a board of trustees, will open May 20th.

1825, June 18.—The New York County Agricultural Society awarded a premium of a dozen silver spoons (worth \$15) to Mr. Thomas Lawrence, and another dozen (worth \$12) to Mrs. William Bragaw, both of Newtown, for second and third best butter.

1825, July 21.—The heat continues excessive, ninety-three degrees in our office. The fields are burnt up.—*Farmer.*

1825, July 28.—Long Island suffers from severe drought and heat.

1825, Aug. 4.—Judge Effingham Lawrence, of Bayside, gave \$340 for a Saxony Buck.

1825.—Mrs. Bruce and Miss Ledyard's Young Ladies' Academy, at Newtown, will re-open November 1st.

1825, Nov. 3.—*Self-nomination.*—Daniel Smith, offers himself as candidate for Coroner, for the town of Hempstead, and asks the support of his friends and the public generally at the ensuing election.

Every Dutchman, Scot, and Yankee,  
Give me your votes and I'll humbly thank ye.

1825, Nov.—Vote of Queens County :

|                    | Newtown. | Flushing. | Jamaica. | Hempstead. | N. Hempstead. | Oysterbay. | Total. |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|------------|--------|
| <i>Senate.</i>     |          |           |          |            |               |            |        |
| Joshua Smith,*     | 43       | 60        | 77       | 163        | 148           | 88         | 579    |
| Nicholas Wykoff,†  | 69       | 96        | 159      | 376        | 51            | 193        | 944    |
| <i>* Assembly.</i> |          |           |          |            |               |            |        |
| Silas Roe,*        | 40       | 47        | 138      | 158        | 150           | 184        | 747    |
| William Pine,*     | 40       | 77        | 101      | 243        | 131           | 141        | 733    |
| William Jones,†    | 71       | 99        | 141      | 378        | 66            | 210        | 965    |
| Thomas Tredwell,†  | 71       | 78        | 105      | 437        | 48            | 156        | 895    |
| <i>Sheriff.</i>    |          |           |          |            |               |            |        |
| John Curtis,*      | 43       | 124       | 101      | 224        | 108           | 215        | 815    |
| John Simonson,†    | 69       | 46        | 128      | 398        | 98            | 165        | 905    |
| <i>Clerk.</i>      |          |           |          |            |               |            |        |
| Samuel Sherman,*   | 42       | 63        | 74       | 200        | 249           | 354        | 982    |
| Edward Parker,†    | 73       | 120       | 172      | 425        | 5             | 53         | 848    |

1825, Nov. 17.—*Take Notice.*—Edward Parker, Jamaica, though not successful, feels gratefully pleased for the generous support of Newtown, Flushing, Jamaica and Hempstead. The support also of those few friends in North Hempstead and Oysterbay, he will ever remember with a grateful heart.

1825, Nov. 19.—There was a great change in the weather yesterday morning, when a violent

\*Nominated at a Republican meeting of which Daniel Smith, was Chairman and Jakemiah Allen, Secretary.—Silas Roe was nominated in place of H. F. Jones, declined, at a meeting of which William Mott, was Chairman, and John I. Schenck, Secretary.

†Nominated by a meeting "friendly to the rights of the people," of which Judge Mitchell, was Chairman and John Thomas Jones, of Jamaica, Secretary.

wind came from the north-west. Before night ice was formed in the streets and the bows of vessels were hung with icicles.—*N. Y. Paper.*

1826, *March 27*.—Joshua and Rachel Kimber's Boarding School for girls, Flushing.

1826, *May*.—Rev. Charles W. Carpenter's Boarding School, for young gentlemen, at Flushing.

1826, *May 26*.—So dry a May is not common, wind easterly, but no rain. June 3d.—To the drought of the past month a delicious thunder shower has succeeded.

1826, *June 20*.—Over nine inches of rain fell at Jamaica,\* in two days.

1826, *Aug. 10-12*.—The heavy rains have caused great floods. All the mill-dams at Musqueto Cove are broken, and Kirk's saw-mill is carried away. Two dams at Hempstead Harbor are carried away. The two factories at Cold Spring are greatly injured.—*Star.*

1826, *Feb. 16*.—Rev. Asahel Nettleton preached his first sermon in Jamaica. After a short time one hundred and twenty persons were the subjects of a revival.—*Farmer.*

1826, *Aug. 10, 15*.—In six days, as appears by the rain-guage of Union Hall Academy, nearly fourteen inches of rain have fallen. The freshet was so great that many mills, dams, etc., have been destroyed. At Cow Neck the mills and dam of widow Elizabeth Mitchell, and a mill-dam of Judge Mitchell were swept away, as, also, one at Musqueto Cove.

1826, *Aug. 26*.—At a meeting of Republican electors, at the Court House—Robert Townsend, Chairman, and H. C. Sleight, Secretary—Singleton Mitchell and John T. Jones were appointed delegates to the Utica Convention to nominate a Governor.

 No delegates appeared from Queens at the Herkimer (Bucktail) Convention.

1826, *Oct. 7*.—Singleton Mitchell was Chairman, and R. Benson Van Zandt, Secretary of a meeting, at the Court House, to suppress all bank bills under \$5.

1826, *Oct. 20*.—At a meeting of Republican delegates friendly to "the rights of the people," at the Court House—William H. Jones, Chairman, and Dr. M. M. Rogers, Secretary—Henry F. Jones was nominated for Assembly. They also resolved to counteract the intrigues of pretended friends, who desire to make conflicting nominations. They approve of DeWitt Clinton for Governor.—*Ed.*

1826, *Nov. 2*.—At a meeting of delegates at the Court House—Micajah Townsend, Chairman, and James Rider, Secretary—Silas Roe was nominated for Assembly.

\*Dr. O'Callaghan derives Jamaica from an Indian word Amikque, signifying a beaver.

1826, *Nov. 6, 7, 8*.—Vote of Queens County for Assembly:

|                   | Oysterbay. | Hempstead. | N Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Flushing. | Newtown. | Total. |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Thomas Tredwell,* | 25         | 460        | 25           | 44       | 25        | 2        | 581    |
| Silas Roe,        | 79         | 93         | 59           | 138      | 38        | 57       | 464    |
| Henry F. Jones,   | 161        | 52         | 36           | 24       | 77        | 38       | 388    |

1826, *Nov. 9*.—John V. Hewlett, of Eastwoods, had a pumpkin vine, the length of one branch was forty-five feet; of the second, thirty-five feet, and of the other six branches, one hundred and seventy feet—making two hundred and fifty feet of branches in all. It bore twenty-four pumpkins, nine of which weighed one hundred and eighty pounds, and the whole twenty-four weighed four hundred pounds.

1827, *Jan. 1*.—Joseph Tuthill offers for sale his house and seven acres of land, east side of Beaver Pond. It has a fine spring and is very suitable for a tanner and currier, there being none in this vicinity.—*Farmer.*

1827, *Jan. 17*.—Application will be made to the Legislature for leave to increase the Jamaica fire company from eighteen to twenty-four members.—*Farmer.*

1827.—A meeting will be held, Monday, January 29th, at Alexander Rogers' inn, to adopt measures to obtain donations from the citizens of Jamaica, in aid of the suffering Greeks.†

1827, *Feb. 1*.—*School in Jamaica*.—William P. Robertson thanks those who have patronized him over two years. He has improved his fixtures and employed an assistant.—*Farmer.*

1827, *Feb. 21*.—S. B. Nicoll, Jr., and his associates, will apply to the Legislature for an act to incorporate the Christian Institute, at Flushing, for literary purposes, with a capital of \$13,000.—*Farmer.*

1827, *March 10*.—John H. Jones, Oliver Coles, George D. Coles, Walter R. Jones, Robert W. Mott, will apply to the Legislature for an act to incorporate the Cold Spring Steamboat Company, with a capital not exceeding \$30,000.

1827, *June 9*.—The jail of Queens County was broken open and Alfred Verity, with William Bedell, convicted of stealing a horse of William Smith, Great Neck, escaped. Verity was confined on suspicion of murdering Jeffrey Hubbs, a negro, of Flushing, on the 10th of January last.‡

\*Abandoned by both parties, he ran on his own hook.

†The following, among other sums, were contributed from Queens County: Jamaica, \$303; Students of Union Hall, \$32 75; Newtown, \$620; North Hempstead, \$210; E. H. Jones, \$10.

‡Verity was re-arrested, and convicted of manslaughter in the third degree, October 3d, 1831, and sent to the State's Prison for 4 years.

1827, *June 14.*—Phebe W., wife of Sidney Seaman, of North Hempstead, sprung out of a wagon while the horse was restive, with a child in her arms, and died in a few hours after.

1827, *June 16.*—The stores of J. T. Jones and Co., and of Charles Hewlett, Cold Spring, were robbed. Eight negroes are now in jail, arrested on information of one of the gang. The goods were recovered.

1827, *July 4th* was celebrated at the head of Cow Neck. The company formed at two P. M., with Captain Henry Morrell's troop of horse, and marched to the Dutch Church, where the Declaration was read by Dr. G. B. Purdy, and the oration by B. F. Thompson. The company then marched back to William Allen's inn and partook of a sumptuous repast. Twenty-four toasts were drank with discharges of cannon. Judge Mitchell presided.

1827, *July 12.*—At a meeting of wool-growers and friends of the American system, held at the Court House, Singleton Mitchell was appointed Chairman and John H. Jones, Secretary, and Effingham Lawrence, Jones and Mitchell sent as delegates to the State Convention to be held at Albany, July 16th.

1827, *Aug. 23.*—The corner-stone of the Flushing Institute was laid, containing a Greek Testament, newspapers, names of county officers, etc.

1827, *Nov.*—Vote of Queens County.

|                    | Oysterbay. | Hempstead. | N. Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Flushing. | Newtown. | Total. |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| <i>Senate.</i>     |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| John D. Ditmis,*   | 35         | 351        | 16            | 74       | 18        | 15       | 509    |
| Peter Sharpe, -    | 48         | 430        | 63            | 81       | 56        | 15       | 693    |
| Jacob Tyson, -     | 175        | 141        | 97            | 66       | 29        | 64       | 572    |
| John I. Schenck,†  | 196        | 73         | 206           | 76       | 74        | 64       | 688    |
| <i>Assembly.</i>   |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| Thomas Tredwell, - | 20         | 473        | 81            | 81       | 61        | 12       | 668    |
| H. F. Jones,†      | 258        | 154        | 91            | 11       | 45        | 56       | 628    |
| William Pine,      | 2          | 74         | 21            | 65       | 12        | 2        | 176    |

The Jackson phrensy carried the State. The Clintonians were neutral.—*Star.*

1828, *May 22.*—Samuel J. Underhill, Jacob Jackson, Jacob Willis, Ezra Smith, and others, from Jericho, detected a gang of villains who stole Snedeker's horses, New Lots, three horses from Cold Spring, a horse and mare from Lewis Hewlett, East Woods, and sold them in Philadelphia. One Nash and Norman Baker were in this gang. Baker confessed that he broke open a tailor's shop and the store of Charles Peck, Flushing; Schoonmaker's store, Flatbush; Hewlett's store and Jones' store, at Cold Spring, and Phineas Carll's store, at Huntington.

\*In place of James Foster declined from ill health. This was the regular Republican nomination at Tammany Hall.

†Nominated at a meeting of which General Daniel Bell was Chairman, and Thomas C. Pinckney, Secretary.

1828, *June 12.*—As Richard Rhodes and wife, Near Rockaway, were going to market, in a one-horse wagon, the horse got frightened, in Brooklyn, and dashed them out against a building. She was killed and he sorely bruised. She left six children.

1828, *July 18.*—The fall of rain has been so great and frequent within a few days that few farmers hereabouts will be able to get in their hay in merchantable order, and a large portion will be entirely spoiled. Rye and wheat promises well, corn looks unusually fine.—*Farmer.*

1828, *Aug. 28.*—It is sickly on Long Island, especially at Jamaica, North Hempstead, Newtown, Flushing and New Utrecht. There is also a disease among horses, the blind staggers.

*Oct. 9.*—The sickness continues, but is not generally fatal, except with the aged. There is great mortality among horses.

1828, *Sept. 4.*—Died, on Saturday afternoon, at Jamaica, L. E. A. Eigenbrodt, L.L.D., aged fifty-four years, Principal of Union Hall Academy thirty-one years.—*Farmer.*

1828, *Oct. 16.*—The dwelling-house, occupied by John Byrd, on the road from Jamaica to Flushing, and owned by Nathan Sanford, Esq., was consumed by fire that took from the chimney, on Monday last.—*Farmer.*

1828, *Nov. 20.*—Vote of Queens County.

|                   | Oysterbay. | Hempstead. | N. Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Flushing. | Newtown. | Total. |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| <i>Congress.</i>  |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| James Lent,*      | 314        | 225        | 200           | 122      | 102       | 192      | 1155   |
| Silas Wood,†      | 291        | 627        | 125           | 112      | 108       | 85       | 1348   |
| <i>Assembly.</i>  |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| Thomas Tredwell,† | 163        | 623        | 81            | 98       | 107       | 82       | 1154   |
| H. F. Jones,*     | 436        | 285        | 250           | 142      | 93        | 194      | 1400   |
| <i>Sheriff.</i>   |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| Richard Cornell,† | 175        | 470        | 94            | 82       | 87        | 87       | 995    |
| Samuel Mott,*     | 435        | 433        | 244           | 168      | 125       | 195      | 1600   |
| <i>Clerk.</i>     |            |            |               |          |           |          |        |
| John Simonson,†   | 132        | 629        | 68            | 116      | 93        | 161      | 1199   |
| Samuel Sherman*   | 523        | 304        | 297           | 132      | 123       | 120      | 1499   |

1828.—Revenue of Post Offices in Queens County :

|                    |       |              |      |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|------|
| Jamaica, -         | \$229 | Flushing, -  | \$58 |
| Hempstead, -       | 50    | Oysterbay, - | 38   |
| North Hempstead, - | 20    | Glen Cove, - | 31   |
| South Oysterbay, - | 12    | Jericho, -   | 20   |
| Cold Spring, -     | 50    | Cow Neck, -  | 36   |

1829, *Feb.*—A week or two since a hog raised by B. Lowerre, Flushing, four years old, was killed and weighed, when dressed, seven hundred and seventy-seven pounds.

1829, *Feb.*—An ewe of Joseph Denton, North Hempstead, has this season no less than six lambs.

1829, *April 23.*—The house of the widow Law-

\*Jackson. †Administration.

rence, Flushing, was destroyed by fire on Friday last. It is supposed to have originated from the chimney, as the roof was on fire when first discovered.

1829.—The friends of Sunday-schools are requested to meet, May 4th, at Union Hall Academy, Jamaica, to form a County Sunday-School Union.—*Farmer.*

1829, *June 25.*—The dwelling-house of the toll-gatherer on the Rockaway Turnpike was burnt, about 11 o'clock on Saturday evening last.

1829, *Aug. 4.*—Pursuant to public notice from the pulpit, a temperance meeting was held in the school-house, Hempstead. Revs. Webster and Hall made addresses. The officers of the Society are John Lefferts, President; John Davidson, Secretary, and Eldred Platt, Treasurer.

1829.—At a meeting of the people of Jamaica, in the Lecture-room of the Presbyterian Church, at five P. M., Sept. 7th, Timothy Nostrand, Chairman, and S. L. Lamberson, Secretary, it was moved by V. W. Wickes, and seconded by D. Lamberson, that a society be formed for the suppression of intemperance. Bishop McIlvain was present.

1829, *Dec. 3.*—George Ellis Ryerson was arrested at John Collier's, on the Williamsburgh turnpike, while offering for sale some prayer-books he had stolen (as also altar decorations and chancel carpet) from Grace Church, Jamaica. He had broken open the late Major Lefferts' house and the summer residence of A. L. Molyneaux. He was committed to jail by John Rhodes, Esq.—*Farmer.*

1829, *Nov.*—Vote of Queens County for Assembly.

|                    | Newtown. | Flushing. | Jamaica. | N. Hempstead. | Hempstead. | Oysterbay. | Total. |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Thomas Tredwell, - | 38       | 70        | 100      | 49            | 631        | 12         | 891    |
| H. F. Jones,* - -  | 84       | 53        | 87       | 117           | 168        | 380        | 889    |

1829.—The barn of Henry Stoothoff, Newtown, was burnt on Wednesday night, Dec. 16th, by J. J. Quackenboss, a miserable looking object, who had worked for him.†

1829, *Dec. 17.*—At Pond Hollow woods, Oysterbay, two boys, in search for rabbits, found, under an old stump, no less than one hundred and thirty black snakes, some six feet in length, all which were killed.—*Farmer.*

1829.—At a meeting of the Physicians and Surgeons of Queens County, at the Court House, December 17th, Dr. Gustavus Baylies, of Newtown, was appointed Chairman, and Dr. Townsend, of Oysterbay, Secretary. It was then resolved to form a Medical Society. The officers

elected were: Dr. N. Shelton, *President*; Dr. Lucius Kellog, *Vice-President*; Dr. Townsend, *Secretary*; Dr. Austin Chapman, *Treasurer*; Drs. George B. Purdy, Purcel Cook, John Davidson, William W. Kissam and J. C. Townsend, *Censors*. Drs. Shelton, Kissam and Johnson were appointed to draft by-laws and rules. Adjourned to meet the last Tuesday in May, 1830.

Besides the above, Drs. James and Gideon N. Searing, Edwin Webb, William Wheeler, Morris Snedeker and Richard Seaman were present.

1830.—A large temperance meeting of different denominations was held, February 8th, in the Episcopal Church, Flushing, which was addressed by the Revs. Messrs. McIlvain and Goldsmith. An approving letter from Rev. Dr. Milnor was read. Over thirty signed the pledge.—*Farmer.*

1830.—Elias Hicks, Jericho, while writing a letter, February 14th, was attacked with paralysis, which nearly deprived him of the use of his left side and the power of speech. He died on the evening of the 27th, aged nearly eighty-two.\*

1830.—A meeting, to form a Temperance Society will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Newtown, at eleven A. M., February 15th. Addresses will be made by Revs. Mr. McIlvain, and Drs. Cox and Dewitt.

1830, *March 25.*—The Legislature authorized North Hempstead to sell their Common lands.

1830, *April.*—Weight of five oxen, of the late David Allen, of Great Neck:

|                   |            |                    |            |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| First, alive, - - | 2,456 lbs. | Dressed (quarters) | 1,524 lbs. |
| Second, " - -     | 2,296 "    | " - - -            | 1,392 "    |
| Third, " - -      | 2,352 "    | " - - -            | 1,472 "    |
| Fourth, " - -     | 2,240 "    | " - - -            | 1,302 "    |
| Fifth, " (steer)  | 2,232 "    | " - - -            | 1,300 "    |

1830, *May 6.*—William Kelly, a foreigner, aged twenty, was sent to the States Prison, two years, for robbing Peter Layster's store, Cedar Swamp, of \$40 worth of coin.

1830, *May 6.*—The *Long Island Telegraph* (since the *Inquirer*) was commenced at Hempstead by Lefevre & Hutchinson.

1830, *May 25.*—At an adjourned meeting of the Queens County Medical Society, at the Court House, Nathan Shelton, Chairman and James C. Townsend, Secretary, Drs. Thomas Garvie, M. M. Rogers, Selah S. Carll, William L. Mitchell and Asa Spalding were received as members. Drs. Shelton, William J. Johnson and William W. Kissam, were appointed a publishing committee and to draft a code of medical ethics. A code of by-laws was adopted.

1830, *July 1.*—Moses Searing, aged thirty-five, a highly respected member of the Methodist connexion, received a fatal kick from a horse in the

\*The election was contested and the seat given to Jones.

†He was sent to the State Prison for seven years.

\*S. E. Clements, from Brooklyn, secretly opened the grave, at midnight, raised the coffin lid and took a plaster cast of Hicks, from which several busts were made by Brower.

pit of the stomach. He leaves a wife, two children and dependent mother.

1830.—*Stages to New York*.—Curtis & Mervin's stage leaves David Bedell's, Hempstead, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Curtis & Lowerre's stage leaves Benjamin Lowerre's and Curtis Peck's, Flushing, and B. Bloom's, Newtown, twice a day.

C. & J. Sutphin's stage leaves Hunter's hotel, Jamaica, daily.

P. & S. Vandewater's stage, leaves South Oysterbay, Tuesdays.

John Jackson's stage leaves Jerusalem, Fridays.

Coe S. Downing & Co.'s stage leaves T. Parish's, Oysterbay, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, *via* Norwich, and calls at William P. Wright's and J. P. Searing's, Jericho.

John R. Schenck's stage leaves Hempstead Harbor, *via* Cow Neck, Success and Jamaica, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

1830.—The 4th of July was celebrated in the Methodist Church, Hempstead. The Declaration was read by Dr. Clowes, and the oration delivered by Dr. Edwin Webb.—*Inquirer*.

1830, July 5.—The first number of the *School Master* was published at Hempstead, by Timothy Clowes, L.L.D.

1830, July 21.—The late rains have done very little injury to the crops, except to the oats, which being heavy was beaten down. The wheat and rye have yielded great returns. The corn looks finely. The fruit-trees look promising, notwithstanding the late frosts.—*Star*.

1830, July 23.—Mr. Lefevre will deliver a discourse on the second death, next Sunday afternoon, at David DeMott's, Near Rockaway.

1830, July 28.—The weather the present month has been warm without precedent. The thermometer, at Jamaica, stood at 100° on the 18th.—*Star*.

1830.—Zion Church, Little Neck, was consecrated on Friday, July 30th, by Bishop Hobart. The church, with the glebe, organ and other furniture, was given to the Vestry by Wynant Van Zandt.

1830, July 31.—On Tuesday night the barn of Richard Way, on the Jamaica turnpike, three miles and a half from the Williamsburg ferry, was burnt, with its contents, his whole stock of grain and a fine horse.

1830, July.—J. & W. Hunter's stage runs from Flushing, on the arrival of the steamboat there from New York; *via* Jamaica to Rockaway and back. Fare fifty cents.

1830, July.—As Mrs. Cornelius Remsen, of Newtown was returning home from sitting up with a sick neighbor, the horse took fright and overturned the wagon, thereby causing her death.

1830.—On Thursday afternoon, August 5th, the lightning struck the barn of William Remsen,

Great Neck, killing his son, aged seventeen, and rendering his companion insensible. The barn, with its contents of hay, grain, wagon, sleigh, etc., was consumed. Loss, \$1,500.

1830, Oct. 5.—At a Republican Convention, at the Court House, of which James Hegeman was Chairman, and Henry Allen Secretary, Silas Roe, of Jamaica, was nominated for the Assembly, and the nomination of Enos T. Throop, for Governor, approved.

1830, Oct. 9.—Samuel H. Van Wyck, aged fifty-five, a wealthy and respectable inhabitant of Lawrence's Neck, was drowned by being precipitated from a boat into the water.

1830, Oct. 9.—At a meeting of Independent Republican electors, at James Poole's North Hempstead, Eliphalet Wickes, Chairman, and M. M. Rogers, Secretary, Thomas Tredwell was nominated for the Assembly, and the nomination of Francis Granger, for Governor, approved.

1830, Oct.—On Thursday, Benjamin Smith, a boy of fourteen, was thrown from a horse, in Newtown, and, falling on his head, died a few hours after.

1830, Nov.—A young man named Eldert, about fifteen, at Hallett's Cove, while riding on horseback was struck in his side by the shaft of a passing chaise, which caused his death next day.

1830, Nov.—Vote of Queens County :

|                   | N. Hempstead. | Oysterbay. | Hempstead. | Jamaica. | Flushing. | Newtown. | Total. |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| <i>Congress.</i>  |               |            |            |          |           |          |        |
| John A. King,*    | 87            | 164        | 633        | 226      | 94        | 71       | 1275   |
| James Lent,       | 160           | 221        | 260        | 117      | 91        | 169      | 1018   |
| <i>Assembly.</i>  |               |            |            |          |           |          |        |
| Silas Roe,        | 154           | 230        | 223        | 238      | 68        | 173      | 1086   |
| Thomas Tredwell,* | 79            | 137        | 700        | 94       | 110       | 62       | 1182   |

1830.—Barter prices at the Hempstead stores :

|                  |          |                  |           |
|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| Butter, per lb., | 18 cts.  | Rye, per bushel, | 75 cts.   |
| Lard, " "        | 10 "     | Oats, " "        | 38 "      |
| Hams, " "        | 9 a 10 " | Corn, " "        | 63 "      |
| Candles, " "     | 11 "     | Potatoes, " "    | 37 a 50 " |
| Honey, " "       | 10 "     | Onions, " "      | 50 "      |

1830.—*Post Offices and Post Masters in Queens County*.—Flushing, Curtis Peck; Hempstead, E. A. Clowes; Head of Cow Neck, William Allen; Jamaica, E. Wickes; Little Neck, E. Lawrence; Newtown, B. Bloom; North Hempstead, James Poole; Oysterbay, James Colvell; Oysterbay South, Timothy Carman; Buckram, James Cock; Cedar Swamp, P. Luyster.

1830, Dec.—Royal Mollineaux, a miller, a mile and a half below Hempstead, killed a hog scarcely eighteen months old, which weighed six hundred and twenty-three pounds.

1831, Jan. 17.—We have had a snow storm of

\*Anti-Jackson.

about twenty inches, unequalled in violence and duration since 1820-1.

1831, Jan. 18.—At a meeting of the inhabitants of Jamaica, at Hewlett Creed's, Eliphalet Wickes, Chairman and Dr. N. Shelton, Secretary, it was deemed expedient to have a Railroad from Jamaica to Brooklyn, and that John A. King, Col. John Rhodes, Jr., Silas Roe, James Herriman, and William R. Gracie, be a committee to confer with a like committee from Brooklyn.

1831, Jan. 22.—On Saturday evening, at ten o'clock, the wagon-shop of Langdon Wright, Near Rockaway, with its contents, was consumed by fire. Loss, \$800. On Monday following, at four A. M., the house and store of Anthony Davidson, same place, were entirely consumed by unextinguished coals in an ash barrel. Nothing was saved but the account-books. The family had merely time to escape from the flames. Loss, \$3,000.—*Star*.

1831, Feb.—Mr. Tappen, of Norwich, slaughtered a hog, twenty months old, which weighed, when dressed, eight hundred and twenty-two pounds.

1831, March 2.—On Thursday morning, Martin Way, of Newtown, aged about forty-five, lost his life by his horses running away and throwing him out of the wagon.

1831, March 30.—On Thursday morning about four o'clock, the capacious dining-hall of Peck's hotel, Flushing was burnt.

1831, March 31.—The editor of the *Inquirer* will preach next Sunday, at three P. M., at Coe D. Jackson's, Jerusalem South.

1831, April 15.—Much injury has been done by the late severe gale. At Jericho, two barns and a hovel were prostrated, killing a cow, etc. A house, near Musquito Cove, was moved several inches from its foundation.

1831, June 18.—The new barn of the widow of Townsend Hauxhurst, North Hempstead, took fire from a red-hot staple that a carpenter had driven in one of the timbers.

1831.—Drowned, July 24th, off Coney Island beach, Thomas Carman, Captain, and James Akerly, Mate of the schooner *Speculator*, of Hempstead. They left the schooner in the long-boat, with three others, who narrowly escaped, one being picked up by a smack, and the other two swimming back to the schooner. The Captain left a wife and ten children.—*Farmer*.

1831, Aug. 4.—On Sunday, Jamaica was visited by a violent squall, from the south-west, with torrents of rain. It continued an hour and considerably damaged fruit and other trees.

1831, Aug. 13.—At a numerous meeting of teachers and others, friendly to the cause of literature, at T. Parish's, Oysterbay. Dr. Townsend, Chairman, and G. B. Docharty, Secretary it was

resolved to form a County Lyceum, and that a meeting be called, at the Court House, September 24th, at one P. M.

1831, Jan.—Samuel Mott, Sheriff, writes that the jail of Queens County, for the third time during his term of office, is free of prisoners for debt or crime.

1831, Jan.—The first number of the *Union Hall Gazette*, Jamaica, appeared. It was a semi-monthly, edited by the students of the Academy.

1831, Jan. 27.—The snow is two feet deep in the fields, and twice that depth in the roads. Since last Saturday week there has been no communication with New York by the turnpike. We cannot visit a friend in Jamaica without going across lots.\*—*Hempstead Paper*.

1831.—During the thunder storm, August 26th, the house of David Springsteen, Newtown, was struck and injured slightly. A person at work in the garden was knocked down and remained insensible some time. A boy sleeping in the house was not hurt.

1831, Aug.—J. J. Hewlett, Eastwoods, raised good white grapes of a very pleasant odor and flavor from a native vine of our woods.

1831, Nov.—Caleb Wright, Oysterbay, took from one vine in his garden, ten pumpkins weighing, in all, two hundred and nineteen pounds.—*Star*.

1831, Nov. 5.—At a meeting of the Oysterbay Lyceum, the following officers were chosen: George D. Coles, *President*; William M. Hewlett, Augustus R. Griffin and Charles H. Eglee, *Vice-Presidents*; G. B. Docharty, *Secretary*, and John J. Weeks, *Treasurer*.

1831.—Vote of Queens County Nov. 7, 8, 9:

|                     |         |                       |        |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------|
| <i>Assembly.</i>    |         |                       |        |
| John A. King,       | - 1,359 | Samuel Mott,          | - 1077 |
| <i>Sheriff.</i>     |         |                       |        |
| John Simonson,      | - 1567  | John Curtis,          | - 899  |
| <i>Clerk.</i>       |         |                       |        |
| Samuel Sherman,     | - 2469  |                       |        |
| <i>Coroners.</i>    |         |                       |        |
| M. M. Rogers,       | - 1298  | Andrew C. Hegeman,    | 1022   |
| Benjamin Lowerre,   | 1294    | Henry Allen,          | 1006   |
| Elijah Seaman, Jr., | - 1316  | Elias Hicks,          | - 1021 |
| Daniel Mott,        | - 1351  | Hend. A. Hendrickson, | 987    |

1831, Nov. 10.—As Abraham Pine, of Hempstead, was returning home, on Tuesday, with a load of lime and lumber, he fell off the wagon and both wheels passed over his thighs.

1831, Dec. 13.—Dr. Townsend was Chairman, and John D. Feeks, Secretary, of a meeting, at Oysterbay, to aid in suppressing the use of ardent spirits, when a Temperance Society was formed and the following officers chosen: Arnold Fleet,

\*Wood was so scarce in New York that the lumber yards were sold out for fire wood. A farmer asked \$15 for a sleigh load of wood.

*President*; Aaron Degrauw; *Vice-President*; Dr. Townsend; *Secretary*; Isaac Townsend, Ambrose Parish, Daniel Cock and Alfred Earle, *Executive Committee*.

1831, *Dec.*—David Bedell, Hempstead, slaughtered a pig, about nine months old, which weighed, when dressed, four hundred and twelve pounds. Daniel Combs killed another which weighed four hundred and one pounds.

1831, *Dec.*—John and Coe D. Jackson, Jerusalem South, killed a hog which weighed eight hundred and thirty-three pounds.

1831, *Dec.*—George Hewlett, Merrick, has a cornstalk on which grew thirteen perfect ears. Seven are large and full, the others well filled but not so large.

1831, *Dec.*—Elias Higbie, Westbury, raised an ear of corn containing twenty perfect rows, well filled and of good size.\*

1831, *Dec. 29.*—The Queens County Temperance Society was formed. The officers were: Van Wyck Wickes, *President*; Rev. M. Earle, John Lefferts, David Lamberson, Isaac Peck, William Bragaw and James M. Onderdonk, *Vice-Presidents*; Rev. R. D. Hall, *Corresponding Secretary*; Dr. William J. Johnson, *Treasurer*; Revs. E. W. Crane, John Goldsmith, George A. Shelton, William H. Lewis, Charles Webster and Mr. John D. Feeks, *Executive Committee*; Dr. J. C. Townsend, *Recording Secretary*.

1832, *Jan. 3.*—A meeting was held in the Reformed Dutch Church, North Hempstead, Rev. James Otterson, Chairman, and James M. Onderdonk, Secretary, when it was resolved to form a society to aid in the reformation going on in our country, from intemperance. Addresses were made by Dr. Townsend and Revs. Hall, Webster and Crane.

1832.—About January 4th, Henry Hewlett, Eastwoods, had an ox bit by a strange dog, which died January 17th. Since then Lewis Hewlett has lost three cows, and John J. Hewlett a hog. Stephen Robbins' dog was also bit. After being chained nine days and showing no signs of hydrophobia he was let loose, when he ran off south to Hardscrabble, then turned back, passing through Eastwoods to Cold Spring, where he attacked a colored woman. He then crossed to Babylon and Islip where he was killed, on the 19th, having first bitten many dogs. Many people go about their ordinary business armed with clubs. Small pox and measles have also prevailed.—*Cor. of Star.*

1832, *Feb.*—A promising son of Oliver McGinnis, of North Hempstead, was drowned by falling in a pond while skating.

1832, *March 1.*—Seaman, son of David Allen,

of North Hempstead, was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun.

1832.—The schooner *Increase*, Captain H. B. Pearsall, of Mott Bedell's Norfolk line of packets, came ashore, in the gale last Sunday night, March 6th, near New Inlet. Four or five passengers were washed overboard and drowned. The rest were rescued by General Daniel Bedell, Commissioner of Wrecks, and his neighbors, David and Tredwell Bedell, Thomas Foster, Horton Homan, John Morgan, Richard and William Rhodes, Benjamin, James and Zachariah Story, Nelson, Shaw, Thomas Sopers, Thomas Southard, Isaiah Thomas, William Tredwell and Joseph Wood, at the risk of their lives.—*Inquirer.*

1832.—\$10 *Reward.*—On the night of March 11th, some villain entered the Methodist church, Hempstead, and wantonly destroyed the books, and broke the windows of the Episcopal church, and did other acts of mischief in various parts of the village of Hempstead.

1832.—The annual Fair of the Fragment Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, will take place April 19th, at one P. M., at John Hunter's Hotel, and continue in the evening.

1832, *May 2.*—The new store kept by J. & E. Drew, and owned by Daniel Rhodes, near the east toll-gate, Jamaica, was burnt, with its contents, on Tuesday night. Loss, \$4,000.\*

1832.—At a meeting of the Queens County Medical Society, at the Court House, May 29th, were present: Drs. Searing, Sr. and Jr., Shelton, Josiah Bloodgood, Garvie, Kellog, Chapman, Rogers, Carl, Purdy, Davidson, A. R. Griffin, Mitchell, Spalding, Townsend, Cook, Webb, Wheeler, Johnson, Kissam, S. L. Condict, Tredwell and Snedeker. Absent—Baylies and Woodhull. Drs. R. T. Horsfield and N. W. Condict were received as members. Dr. Purdy gave an interesting lecture on intermittent, remittent and bilious fevers that prevailed in North Hempstead in 1820, '29, '30 and '31. The Temperance resolutions were indefinitely postponed.—*Farmer.*

1832, *May 12.*—The Queens County Lyceum met at the Court House, Dr. Townsend, President, and T. Clowes, Secretary. A lecture on education was given by W. Hutchinson; on astronomy, by G. B. Docharty, and on human intelligence by W. M. Hewlett.

1832.—A subscription book for the stock of the Brooklyn and Jamaica Railroad will be opened, May 21st, at Hewlett Creed's, Jamaica.

1832.—The subscription book for the Hallett's Cove Railway, and for cutting a ship canal across the cove, will be opened May 30th. Capital \$150,000.

1832, *June 4.*—The Supervisors resolved to lo-

\*Mr. Hicks, of Rockaway has an ear of corn one row ahead of the Westbury ear.

\*The Drews were arrested for a conspiracy to defraud the *Atlas* Insurance Company.

cate the County Clerk's Office in Jamaica, on the lot between Dr. W. W. Kissam and Silas Roe, deceased. The building is to be of brick, and fire proof. Jarvis Jackson and John C. Smith are to issue proposals for building.—*Farmer*.

1832, June 18.—About six A. M., during a severe thunder storm, the barn of John Skidmore, in the village of Jamaica, was struck, and, in a few minutes, the whole building was in flames, and a quantity of goods and a valuable horse were lost. No insurance.—*Farmer*.

1832, June 18.—Two lads, Griffin and Robinson, whose parents reside in Flushing were drowned by the upsetting of a sail-boat in a squall.—*Farmer*.

1832, June 20.—The Asiatic cholera made its appearance in New York.

1832, June 21.—John Lott and others, of Hicks' Neck, one day last week, caught, at one haul, eighty thousand bony fish, which are used for manure.

1832.—Charles Jenkins, family and friends, thank Smith Cornell and Robert Greenwood for bringing ashore, at the risk of their own lives, Jacob Valentine, who fell from a boat in Jamaica Bay, on Saturday, June 30th.

1832, July 4.—The Female Missionary Association of Grace Church, held a Fair at Hunter's Hotel, Jamaica. At three P. M., the corner-stone of the Reformed Dutch Church was laid; and at five a respectable audience assembled in the exhibition-room of Union Hall, to listen to the addresses of the Literary Society.

1832, July 4.—At Hempstead, William J. Clowes delivered the oration, Dr. Webb read the Declaration and Henry F. Jones acted as Marshal.

1832, July 11.—The surveyors of the railroad are expected on the ground next week. This delay is caused by the illness of the surveyor.—*Farmer*.

1832.—Thursday, July 26th, was set apart by the Episcopal and Reformed Dutch Churches of Jamaica and Newtown, as a Fast day, on account of the cholera in New York and vicinity.—*Farmer*.

1832, July 30.—The barn of John and Jacob Bergen, three miles east of Jamaica, was, with its contents, destroyed by lightning, on Monday evening. Loss \$800.

1832, Aug. 1.—On Tuesday evening, a storm of rain and hail, coming from the west, visited Jamaica and Hempstead, where some hail stones fell as large as white walnuts, breaking upwards of five hundred panes of glass. The corn was much torn and broken down.—*Star*.

1832, Aug. 23.—Money and clothing, to the amount of \$150, have been contributed to the poor of New York suffering by stagnation in business, caused by cholera, from the Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed congregations of Jamaica. Con-

tributions were also sent from Hempstead.—*Farmer*.

1832, Aug.—\$88 50 have been collected in Grace Church, Jamaica, for the sufferers by cholera in New York.\*

1832, Sept.—Joseph Gorsline, raised a squash weighing twenty-four pounds, and measuring thirty-five inches around.

1832, Oct. 18.—The examination of the Female Department of Union Hall Academy, under Miss Mary Hanna, took place on Wednesday last, and was closed with a musical entertainment in the evening. On Thursday the young gentlemen in the classical and elementary rooms were examined, and, as usual, it was highly satisfactory. In the evening the exhibition took place. The room was crowded, three-fourths of the seats being occupied by the ladies. Mr. Onderdonk has been elected to the office of Principal, and the session will open on the first Monday of November.—*Farmer*.

1832, Nov.—Vote of Queens County :

Governor.

William L. Marey, 1602 | Francis Granger, - 1429

Assembly.

Thomas B. Jackson, - 1801 | John A. King, - 1331

1832.—On the night of November 6th the store of James Rider & Co., Jamaica, was robbed of goods and money to the value of \$20.

1832, Dec. 3.—Application will be made to the Legislature for an act authorizing the Supervisors to raise, by tax, \$700 to pay the expenses of building a fire-proof office for the County Clerk and Surrogate.—*Farmer*.

1832, Dec. 17.—Application will be made to the Legislature to grant a charter for a bank at Flushing, with a capital of \$100,000.

1832, Dec. 12.—H. M. Western has found it necessary to open a branch of his law office in Jamaica, at the Clerk's Office, where communications may be addressed to P. Potter.

1832, Dec.—It is said Richard Seaman, of Jericho, has a cow that had two calves in 1830; in the early part of 1832 she again had twins, and about the close of the year she had three more.—*Farmer*.

1832, Dec.—We have seen two hogs of the grass-breed raised by Mrs. Rapelye, Newtown, from stock imported by Judge Strong, of Flushing. They are two years and five months old. One weighs one thousand three hundred pounds, the other a little less.—*Star*.

1832, Dec.—Joseph B. Shotwell, Flushing,

\*Although Boards of Health were organized in Queens County, there were scattering cases of cholera in every town.

†Mr. J. N. Brinckerhoff, Principal, and Henry Onderdonk, Jr., classical teacher, retired from the Academy, April, 1865.

raised an ox which weighed, alive, two thousand five hundred and sixty pounds.

1801, *Aug.* 25, 26, 27.—Vote for four members of a Convention to fix the number of the Senate and Assembly\* and to give the members of the Council of Appointment equal power of nominating with the Governor:

John W. Seaman, - - 319 | James Rayner, - - - 307  
John Schenck, - - - 320 | Dewitt Clinton, - - - 315

There was no opposition.—*Ed.*

1832, *July* 7.—The Board of Health of North Hempstead intends to create no expense, it has no nuisances to remove, and as the inhabitants are agriculturalists on a large scale, it advises them to stick closely to their farming from early dawn till evening; that the energies of their minds may have full play; and then the subject of cholera will not enter their thoughts. Dr. Chapman is appointed Health Officer.

1832, *July* 9.—The Hempstead Board of Health order that no stage-driver, boatman, or other person shall bring into the town any emigrant or other person supposed to be sick of cholera or any other infectious disease; and that no fish (for manure) shall be left near any road or dwelling; and that all persons coming from infected districts shall be subject to such examination and quarantine, as the Board may think proper.

1832, *July* 18.—The Oysterbay Board of Health forbid the Methodists holding their usual Camp-meeting in the town. They also order one or more hospitals to be provided for those who may be sick of cholera or other infectious diseases.

1832, *July* 23.—The Jamaica Board of Health order that no dead body be brought into the town for interment within two months, without consent of the Board.

*Sept.* 24.—No street manure shall be landed or brought within the bounds of the town under penalty of \$50.—*Farmer.*

1789.—Examination of a negro woman, Nell, (referred to on page 74), taken at Jamaica, October 27th, by William Ludlum, Justice:

Nell said, on Monday, the 12th inst., Sarah asked her where she could get a wasp's nest. I told her no, I did not know. That Jack asked her if she could get poison-root. I told him, I could not, and that he was as bad as the man that killed his wife and children by poisoning of them with two bowls of punch, one he put rats bane in and the other he did not. She also said that Nan asked her if she was a going to get rats bane, and she replied yes, with a smile, and that she then told Nan that Sarah wanted a wasp's nest to put it in the bed of her master and mistress, to sting them to death. Nell said further that on Friday, the 23d inst., when her master and mistress were

out, Sarah was a sifting meal up stairs, she then went up. Sarah said to her "what a loss it would be for her master and mistress to lose their house." She said that she replied yes, it would. Sarah then told her to take a coal of fire and set fire to the tow in the upper garret, and it would burn like tinder but Nell said she replied no, but that she would put fire in the closet up stairs in young master's room. Sarah then asked her where there. She told her upon the papers, that she did accordingly get a coal of fire out of the kitchen, put it in a clam-shell, convey it to the aforesaid closet, laid the coal of fire upon the papers, doubled the paper over the coal of fire, and that it did begin to burn before she left the room, but not blaze; that the paper had kindled about the bigness of the inside of a plate when she left the room, and when she went down stairs, she met Sarah at the cellar-door, and told her that she had done it. It was about six in the afternoon.—*Court Records.*

## ERRATA.

Page 5, for Coe read Toe.

Page 9, for William Lecte read Samuel Leete.

Page 10, for 1677, July 22, read 1667, July 22.

Page 43, for 1778 read 1770.

Page 51, for one Brugaw read Isaac Bragaw.

Page 56, for Duryea read Bayea or Bayeu.

Page 66, under 1783, July 28th, insert Thomas Betts, Queens County.

Page 67, erase Quaker lot.

Page 70, for through thrice of, read in; and the date should be June 17.

Page 74, for Oct. 14th, read Oct. 15th.

Page 77, for Rothing read Rothery.

Page 79, for Cornelius I. Bogart read Cornelius Bogart.

Page 80, for John B. Hicks read John Hicks.

Page 95, for daughter read niece.

Page 98, for William Mitchell read William Nichols.

Page 107, for Tappan read Tappen.

\*The number of Assemblymen from Queens was reduced from four to three.—*Ed.*

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